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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### PRIVATE VICE

THE Wolfenden Committee's report has attracted little interest in Hongkong yet one of its main proposals may, if accepted and enacted by the British Government, have far-reaching effects. Its chief proposals — or those which have attracted most attention — are that adult homosexuality should be permitted in private and that soliciting for prostitution should be made less blatantly public.

Reaction was, not surprisingly, wholeheartedly against the first proposal to begin with. But eventually there emerged a body of responsible opinion, including the Church of England, which supported the Wolfenden recommendations. The Government thus has before it contending arguments with the balance apparently in favour of the report, judging from the weight of learned opinion behind the proposal.

### NO SOLUTION

THE most controversial item is, of course, the proposed measure relating to homosexuality. The most regrettable feature is that it poses no solution whatever. Instead, because the law cannot effectively combat homosexuality, because fines and prison sentences have not proved a satisfactory deterrent, and because not one in a hundred who commit homosexual acts in private are now prosecuted, the only thing to do is to ignore it.

The greatest moral objection to this particular proposal is that, if accepted, its effect will be to put the natural instinct and a perversion of it into one category, i.e. unexceptionable in the eyes of the law. And however careful a distinction we of this generation make between the two, will not time tend to obliterate it?

**VIGILANCE**

IN short, is it not likely that the chief — and worst — effect of this measure will be to encourage public tolerance of this conduct, and not only soften indignation and approbrium which it properly arouses, but in time encourage the majority to regard the militant minority of opponents as a handful of cranks?

One of the worst effects of this measure will be that whatever Police vigilance has been exercised in the past in respect of adult homosexuality will disappear. This will weaken their ability to tackle conduct of this kind among non-adults particularly among youths just under 21, and make it immeasurably more difficult. The most unfortunate outlook that may develop is that "what goes on behind closed doors is none of the Police's business."

### DISTASTEFUL

THE danger here is that vigilance against crimes like sodomy may also suffer, even though stiffer penalties are provided against men for seducing youths under 21. One view is that the proposal on homosexuality would not expose the young to more frequent danger of corruption and the "weight of medical opinion" is that it should reduce the incidence of assaults upon them.

It seems, however, that the threat of heavier sentences will be the greatest deterrent to this kind of assault and this may also combat any tendency for perversion to be driven deeper by the growth of public tolerance of its milder form. But it must be said that this is a most distasteful proposal which it is hoped the British Government will weigh very carefully before taking any action.

# THAI PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED

## Army To Restore Two-House Constitution

Bangkok, Sept. 18. King Phumiphon Aduldet of Thailand today dissolved Parliament and announced that new elections would be held within 90 days.

The dissolution follows the bloodless coup staged by army chiefs against Field Marshal Pibul Songgram, Prime Minister.

Marshal Songgram was reported to have put out to sea after leaving the capital. An official army announcement said the original text of the 1932 constitution had been revived as the supreme law of the land. The new Cabinet will serve as a caretaker government until elections are held for a new Assembly in December of this year. The new Assembly will designate a prime minister.

The constitution which has been abrogated, provided for a single house of Parliament, one-half of whose members were elected, and one-half appointed. The original constitution, which is restored, provides for two houses, all of whose members are elected. The abrogated constitution required only primary education as a qualification for members of Parliament. The original constitution, now in effect, requires five years of higher education.

—Reuter and France-Press.

## Thailand Standing By Seat And UN

London, Sept. 18. The "responsible authorities" in Thailand will observe with care all international obligations, a statement from the Thai Embassy here said tonight.

The statement added that the authorities reiterated "complete adherence to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the continuance in loyal membership of Seato."

The Embassy statement began by saying that on September 16, in response to appeals from the people, Field Marshal Sarit Thanarat, with the full support of the Army, Navy and Air Force, took over "absolute control of the Government."

### Fait Accompli

Accepting the fait accompli, the King appointed the Field Marshal "Military Governor of the capital."

Martial law, the statement added, had been proclaimed from Monday.

It continued: "The reason for this action was that all Cabinet Ministers present in Bangkok had resigned, and the majority of nominated members of Parliament had resigned from the Free Seri Manungkasit Party."

## The Dambusters To Get Vulcans

Waddington, Sept. 18. ONE of Britain's most renowned bomber squadrons during the last world war, No. 617, is to be reformed early next year, it was announced here today.

The squadron, which was disbanded about a year ago, will get Britain's latest and most complex aeroplane, the four-jet Avro Vulcan "flying triangle."

No. 617 squadron originally won fame by its low-level precision bombing of the Mohne and Eder dams in Germany. This exploit became the subject of a book and a film both called "The Dambusters" — the squadron's nickname.

Afterwards, the squadron sank the German Tirpitz in Alten Fjord, Norway, and evolved a plan-point method of marking and obliterating targets.

No. 617 was led during the attack on the dams by the late Wing Commander Guy Gibson, who was succeeded by Group Captain G. L. Cheshire. Both men were awarded Britain's highest decoration for gallantry — the Victoria Cross. — China Mail Special.



AN AVRO VULCAN

## King Haakon's Condition Grave



Oslo, Sept. 18. A medical communique from the Royal Palace told saddened Norwegians today that the only King their nation has had since its independent birth in 1905 is gravely ill with little hope of recovery.

It reported "serious anxiety" for 85-year-old King Haakon, the world's oldest reigning monarch and the only living King who was elected to the crown in a free election.

Haakon, famed for his energetic tennis-playing and bicycling as an octogenarian, has been ill since he broke his hip in a fall in July, 1955.

His physicians reported today that circulatory and respiratory complications have developed.

The news plunged Norway into gloom. Within a few hours, the capital's flower shops were denuded by hundreds of orders for bouquets to be sent to the crown prince where the King lay ill.

Modern history will particularly remember King Haakon for two illustrious chapters in an unprecedented long career of popular rule:

### REFUSED OFFER

★ When Norway obtained its independence from Sweden in 1905, King Haakon refused an offer of the Crown unless his people affirmed it in a plebiscite. They did, overwhelmingly.

★ When Nazi Germany reached out for Norway in 1940, he flatly refused Hitler's demand that pro-Nazi Vidkun Quisling be appointed Prime Minister. King Haakon was forced into exile in London but his heroism cemented Norwegian determination to fight on underground.

Norwegians heard the news of his critical condition from afternoon newspapers at lunchtime.

King Haakon's heir is his only son, Crown Prince Olav. For 12 months now Olav, 54, has in fact reigned because the King was confined to hospital and subsequently to his palace. — United Press.

## 9 Killed In Casablanca Explosion

Casablanca, Sept. 18. A total of nine persons were killed today when a salvage vessel and a motor-launch were blown to pieces by an underwater explosion in Casablanca harbour.

The two craft were moored above the sunken hull of the Liberty ship Lancaster, which went down in the harbour in 1942 during the Allied landings. The salvage crew had already removed high-power explosives from the Lancaster. Today, the salvage-men were to cut their way into part of the hull.

The underwater explosion of munitions in the sunken ship set off a further explosion in the salvage vessel, which had dynamite on board. Debris from the craft was flung several hundred feet into the air and eight Moroccan workers were killed, along with the son of the salvage company's European director. — France-Press.

## TRIAD ROUND-UP CONTINUES

Further action against triad societies was taken yesterday by the Criminal Investigation Department.

Seventy-four suspected triad society members were rounded up in raids on the Island and 30 in Kowloon, a Police spokesman announced this morning.

Thirty-eight persons, including two women, will appear at the Central Magistracy today charged with offences against the Societies Ordinance and 24 men, similarly charged, will appear at the Kowloon Magistracy.

## Greek Motion On Cyprus Defeated In UN

New York, Sept. 18. The Steering Committee of the United Nations General Assembly today voted down a Greek move to have the Assembly specifically debate allegations of British atrocities on Cyprus.

The Assembly's 18-member Steering Committee agreed instead to include an agenda item on "the Cyprus question."

Voting was 11 to none with four abstentions (British, France, the Soviet Union, and Czechoslovakia).

Mr. Vassily Kuznetsov, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, and Mr. Jiri Nosek, the Czech delegate, said they abstained because they preferred the original Greek wording.

This was: "Application, under the auspices of the United Nations, of the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples in the case of the population of the island of Cyprus; (and) violation of human rights, and atrocities," by the British colonial administration against the Cypriots.

### Not Competent

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, British Foreign Secretary, said self-determination in any non-self-governing territory under British administration was "a matter exclusively for the Government of the United Kingdom."

But he was opposed to the atrocities sub-item, because "a fundamental principle of the Charter" was at stake.

When the Charter was drawn it was clearly understood that the United Nations was not competent to consider complaints or allegations against the internal administration of member states, he said.

## FLU HITS CENTRAL ENGLAND

Paris, Sept. 18. Asian influenza was gaining ground in Central England today, and caused increasing anxiety in the British press. At the same time, the disease has hit army camps in Portugal and Italy, has taken on epidemic proportions in the Netherlands, and was beginning to overcrowd hospitals on the Mediterranean island of Cyprus.

In Britain, the Health Minister said it was premature to speak of an Asian flu epidemic and that the area of England south of the Bristol-Norwich line was relatively free of the disease.

Three children died yesterday in "West" Bromwich, where 5,000 children in all have come down with the disease. In Sheffield, where 14 persons have died since the Asian flu made its appearance, 11,722 boys and girls, 10 per cent of the school population, were absent from classes. — France-Press.

## Drunks Start Riot At Religious Festival

Warsaw, Sept. 18. Polish police used tear gas and truncheons to disperse hooligans who caused trouble following a religious celebration in the village of Lob Odno, Southern Poland. It was reported here tonight.

The evening newspaper Kurier Polski said many of the people taking part in the celebration got drunk and started making trouble.

The local police forces had to call on reinforcements from nearby Czestochowa.

Truncheons and tear gas were used to quieten the hooligans and restore peace.

The monastery of Jasna Gora, near Czestochowa, is a place of pilgrimage for Catholics from all parts of Poland. One million pilgrims attended religious celebrations there last month for the festival of Our Lady of Czestochowa. — China Mail Special.

## MAN HURT IN EXPLOSION

A labourer, Wong Sek-wing, was injured when an acetylene generator exploded shortly after 10 o'clock this morning at the Swedish Trading Company's godown in Victoria Road, Western District.

The injured man was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

The explosion did not cause damage to the building and did not start a fire.

## BRITAIN TO CUT FORCES IN EUROPE

London, Sept. 18. Britain has decided to press plans for a new reduction of her forces in Germany in the face of sharp opposition from her allies, official sources disclosed today.

The British plan is to cut her divisions in West Germany in the coming year by one-fifth, after a similar reduction of her forces on the Continent this year.

General Lauris Norstad of the United States, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, is considering the British demand with his top advisers.

### OPPOSITION

The seven-member West European Union, which comprises Britain, France, Italy, West Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, will meet next month to deal with the explosive issue.

Britain's demand for a sizable cut of her forces in Germany met considerable opposition earlier this year. Both NATO and the WEU nations were expected to resist Britain's intention of reducing her forces in Germany still further.

Britain holds that changes in her defence strategy will make it possible to maintain the fire power of British forces in NATO despite their numerical reduction. — United Press.

## Keightley Governor Of Gib

London, Sept. 18. General Sir Charles Keightley, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied forces in last year's Suez Canal operation, has been appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar, the Colonial Office announced today.

The 56-year-old General will take up his appointment towards the middle of next year. He will succeed Lieutenant-General Sir Harold Reiden, whose term of office expires next year. — Reuter.

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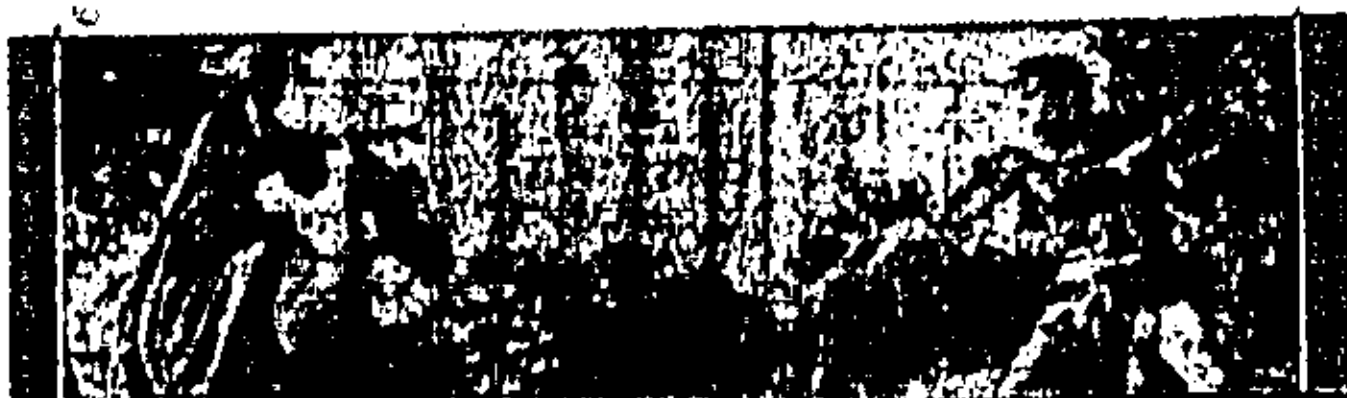
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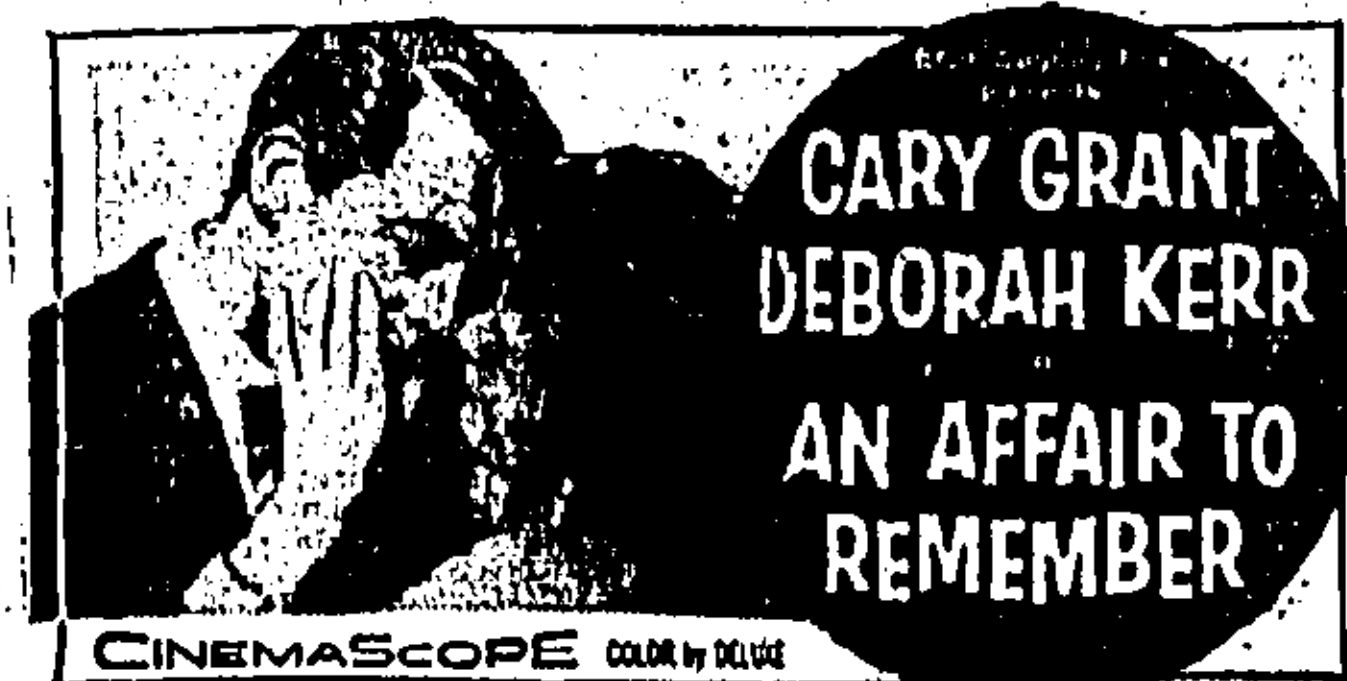
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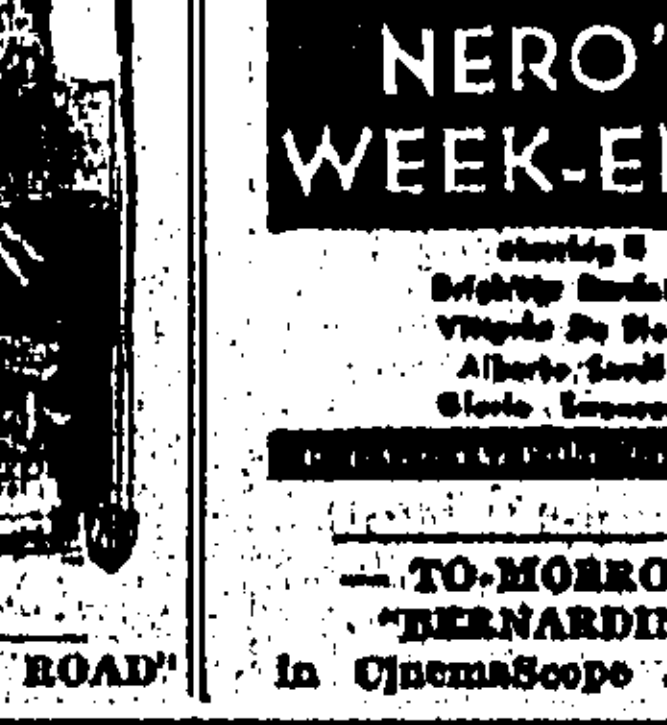
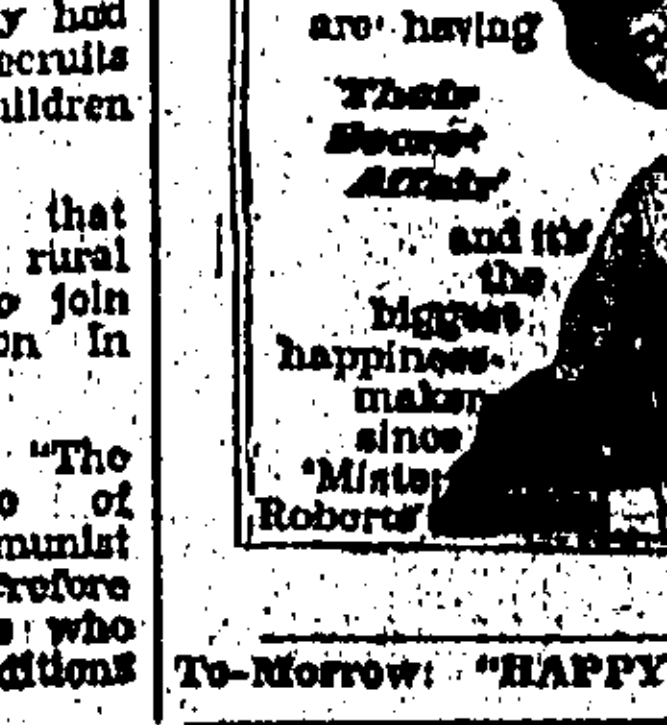
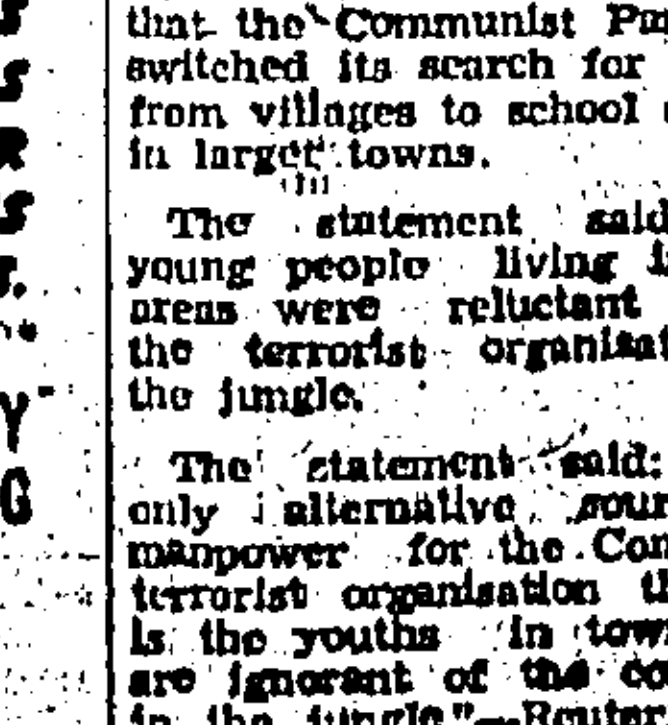
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### SAC To Use Snark Missiles

Washington, Sept. 18. The Air Force announced today that it will set up its first Inter-Continental Guided Missile Squadron "late this year."

The Squadron will be equipped with Snark missiles, which are pilotless bombers powered by jet engines, with a speed of about 650 miles an hour and sufficient range to carry a nuclear warhead from the United States to Russia.

#### SAC Controlled

The Squadron will be controlled by the Strategic Air Command. Lt-Col. Richard E. Beck, a former B-47 jet bomber Squadron Commander, will head the pioneer unit. He is now serving with the Strategic Air Command's Directorate of Operations.

The announcement followed by two months the Air Force's disclosure that it had ordered the Snark into volume production.

"Missile units will be so positioned as to reduce problems of range and to insure that missiles, if ever fired, will not pass over heavily-populated regions," the Air Force said.

#### Under Test

The Snark, which can carry an atomic or hydrogen warhead, has been under test for several years at the Air Force Missile Test Centre, Cape Canaveral, Florida.

"The first Squadron to be set up will have 500 officers and men, some of whom are now getting special training at the Northrop Aircraft plant, where the missiles are being produced. Besides high speed and altitude, the Snark has a guidance system "capable of directing it to its target through all weather conditions," United Press.

### TELEPHONE UNIONISTS ARRESTED

Buenos Aires, Sept. 18. Federal Judge Fernandez Alonso today ordered the arrest of 170 telephone workers, according to their Union, whose strike for more pay has disrupted communications throughout Argentina.

Acting under a law which penalises action against transport and communications services, Police also arrested a number of workers' leaders as they left their union headquarters. Union chiefs immediately locked themselves inside the building.

#### TENSE ATMOSPHERE

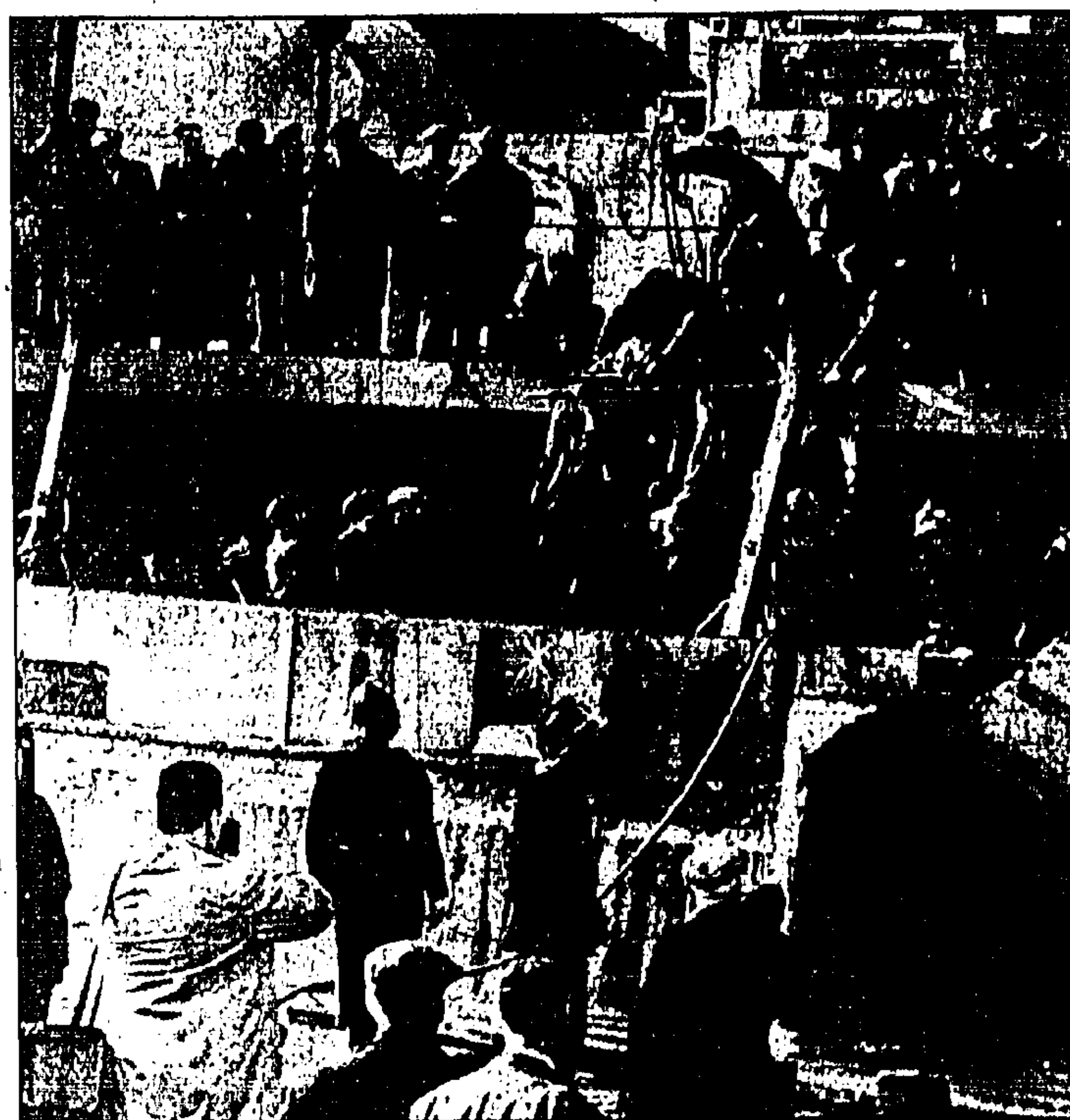
The atmosphere was tense here as troops, armed with automatic guns, patrolled the City's tele-communications centre.

Earlier, employees of state and private telegraph companies walked out following a Government measure which withdraws legal status from their Union and declares their 20-day, go-slow strike illegal.

Other unions were tonight holding emergency meetings to decide whether to strike in sympathy with the communications workers.

Troops occupied communications offices to enforce the Government's "back to work" order.—Reuter.

### EXPLOSION BLASTS ENGINE ROOM



Twenty-two Glasgow shipyard workers were injured—eight of them seriously—when a gas explosion shattered the engine room of HMS Blake last Tuesday.

The explosion hurled workers across the engine room, and buckled plates on the ship's deck. For an hour and a half a team of rescue workers worked heroically to bring the injured up on to deck. As the victims reached the deck they were strapped into cradles, and swung by a derrick crane on to the quay.

Photo shows a rescue worker being hoisted up from the gas-filled engine room.—Express Photo.

## MR K TELLS BEVAN WORLD SITUATION VERY 'DANGEROUS'

Moscow, Sept. 18. Soviet Communist Party First Secretary, Nikita Khrushchev, believes that the international situation is becoming "extremely dangerous," one of Britain's Labour Party leaders, Aneurin Bevan said today.

### NEHRU TO ASK IKE FOR AID

New Delhi, Sept. 18. The Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, has written a personal letter to President Eisenhower, asking for a substantial stand-by loan to help India's Second Five-Year-Plan, according to the Calcutta morning newspaper, Amrita Bazar Patrika.

The newspaper said the letter was being carried to Washington by Mr. T. Krishnamachari, India's Finance Minister. It gave no indication of the amount asked for, but Mr. Nehru recently told an American reporter that India would welcome a loan of \$500 to \$600 million (£180 to £210 million).

#### UNDERSTOOD

It is understood that President Eisenhower will be out of Washington during Mr. Krishnamachari's visit there for the world bank meetings.

But after attending a meeting of the Commonwealth Finance Ministers near Montreal, Mr. Krishnamachari will return to the US to spend a week in New York, and he will probably be free to fly to Washington if a meeting with the President was then arranged.—Reuter.

Bevan was Khrushchev's guest yesterday at the Soviet Communist Party First Secretary's residence in the Crimea.

Bevan told newspapermen today that Khrushchev told him he believed that the "establishment of friendly relations between all the Communist countries is most important at the present juncture."

Bevan said he had discussed major international issues with Khrushchev for half an hour, adding "I am convinced we understood each other's respective points of view."

#### CONFIDENTIAL

Bevan said Khrushchev had asked him to keep the details of their talks "strictly confidential."

The British Labour Party leader said that Khrushchev had spoken in favour of friendly relations between the Soviet Union and the United States, and added that he would himself deliver this message to the American people during a forthcoming visit to the United States. Bevan plans to visit America next month.

Bevan said that Khrushchev had been a most "charming" host.—France-Press.

### Malayan Reds After Students

Kuala Lumpur, Sept. 18. The Malayan Government today warned parents that the Malayan Communist Party might now try harder to recruit their children into its terrorist organisation.

The statement said captured Communist documents showed that the Communist Party had switched its search for recruits from villages to school children in large towns.

The statement said that young people living in rural areas were reluctant to join the terrorist organisation in the jungle.

The statement said: "The only alternative source of manpower for the Communist terrorist organisation therefore is the youths in towns who are ignorant of the conditions in the jungle."—Reuter.

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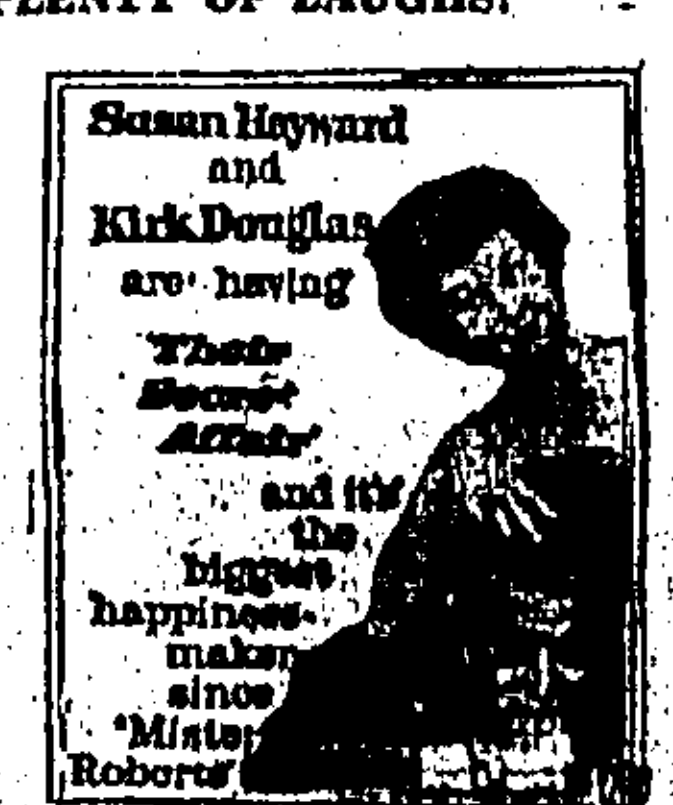
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# FRENCH PREMIER MOVES TO AVERT CRISIS

## Calls Meeting Of All Parties For Tomorrow

Paris, Sept. 18. The French Prime Minister, M. Maurice Bourges-Maunoury, today called a conference of party leaders for Friday in a new attempt to avert his Government's defeat over its political reform bill for Algeria.

He called on leaders of all parties except the Communists and Poujadists to work out a generally acceptable version of the bill which has split his cabinet and other supporters.

M. Guy Mollet, the previous Prime Minister and Secretary-General of the Socialist Party, commented tonight that his party had already gone a long way towards meeting views of the Assembly's Conservatives and Europeans in Algeria and added that he was sure "it would be impossible for our party to make further concessions."

### Key Sections

The National Assembly's Commission on Internal Affairs, meanwhile, elected a Conservative Deputy who opposes key sections of the bill as Com-

tomorrow to discuss its attitude on the Algerian reform bill and other matters.

### Closed Meeting

M. Robert Lacoste, residing Minister in Algeria, addressed the Socialist Council at a closed meeting tonight on the bill which he supports.

M. Mollet, when asked by reporters about the chances of success in the round-table conference on Friday, commented, "That depends on other parties."

M. Bourges-Maunoury proposed the conference at a Council of Ministers meeting this morning when the Defence Minister, M. Andre Morice, right-wing Radical and leader of opposition to the reform bill, arrived with his letter of resignation in his pocket.

Two other Radical junior Ministers were ready to follow his example.

### An Agreement

The Prime Minister suggested the conference "with the object of finding agreement on a national basis about Algeria."

His idea is to produce a new bill much more vaguely worded which will ease the Conservatives' fears about the proposed Algerian Central Executive.

It must also please the Socialists who think the proposal is already too restricted to satisfy Moslem aspirations and to win them away from sympathy with the nationalists. The Government also faces a threat from another quarter. There is a plan afoot to move a vote of censure tomorrow against the Government over its agricultural policy.

A vote on this subject stands a good chance of being adopted and would mean the end of the Government before it can complete its behind-the-scenes plans to make concessions to peasants about prices of wheat, milk and meat.—Reuter.

### SIZE REDUCED

New York, Sept. 18. The Daily Worker, organ of the United States Communist Party, said in a first page announcement today that it "must temporarily 'retrench' by reducing the size of its issues."

"We have reached bottom. We have managed to keep going for months by tapping every source. Today all this is exhausted. We can do no more," it said.—China Mail Special.

## ANGRY RECEPTION FOR CHARGED MAN



Derrick Edwardson, the 31-year-old factory labourer (inset), who gave himself up to the police, confessed last week that he had strangled four-year-old Edwin Taylor at his flat in St. Aubyn's Road, Upper Norwood.

After court hearing, Edwardson was taken to Croydon Police Station through a tunnel leading from the car.

Later when a police van left the station, crowds surged around it, shouting "Let's turn it over" and "Let's have him."

But in fact Edwardson left four hours later in another van after the crowd had dispersed. Photo shows police holding back women trying to reach the decoy van as it leaves Croydon Police Station.—Express Photo.

## NAVIES OF SEVEN NATIONS ALERTED

### Nato Exercise Underway

London, Sept. 18. The United States atomic submarine Nautilus and guided missile carriers from the US and Britain zig-zagged around Britain and into the Atlantic today as seven Nato allies began their biggest sea exercise of the cold war era.

## Master's Painting Selling Fast

Peking, Sept. 18. The paintings of Chi Pai-chih, China's most famous painter, have been selling heavily to Japanese here.

The works of Chi Pai-chih, who died at the age of 97 last Monday, are being sold by the Government-run "Peace" Painting Shop in the capital's main shopping street.

The store has reported that there is a great run on Chi's works and said it has sold more paintings today than it has for the last three months—the majority to members of the various Japanese delegations at present in Peking.

### NOT RISEN

So far the prices have not risen but the value of the genuine works by the Chinese master are expected to increase in the next few years.

Chi Pai-chih was a prolific painter at his peak—almost unbelievably between the ages of 80 and 90—he "turned out" hundreds each month.

Despite this activity there are plenty of fakes on the market though the Government shops in Peking have a reputation for scrupulous honesty where paintings are concerned.—Reuter.

Grandmothers and teenagers were rushed to two underground headquarters to help pin-point positions of the seven-nation armada. The "mobile reserve" experimental units, composed of men and women who live near London and the South Coast, were called out to ease the load of regular Navy and Air Force veterans and free them for "combat."

Most British Navy leaves were cancelled and the North Atlantic navies of the United States, Britain, France, Canada, Norway, the Netherlands and Portugal were put on what Nato officials described as a "war" basis.

### NO SHOTS

No shots will be fired. But those that might be considered to have "knocked out" marauding submarines and surface raiders—or any of some 300 British merchant ships acting as volunteer "targets"—in an area from Canada to Norway and Iceland to Holland. Britain's Channel Commander, Admiral Sir Guy Grantham, started the opening round of a half-dozen independently-operated but centrally-situated exercises at 0800 hours. He signalled his ships, shore establishments and Channel Command from an underground control room near Portsmouth to consider the exercises underway.

Immediately ships that had already begun leaving followed defence patterns around merchant ships. "Orange" forces, including the Nautilus, the Canadian St. Laurent, class of submarine-killer and guided missile ships began trying in theory to sink them.—United Press.

Two Russian warships are on their way to Syria for a "friendship" visit, Moscow Radio announced today.—United Press.

## Ousted Premier's Wife Unafraid WILLING TO RETURN TO THAILAND

Geneva, Sept. 18.

The wife of Thailand's ousted Premier Pibul Songgram said today her husband is still in Thailand and "I am not afraid either for him or myself."

## ALGERIA AND WEST IRIAN ON UN AGENDA

United Nations, Sept. 18. The General Assembly Steering Committee again recommended today inclusion in the agenda of the item of West Irian (Dutch New Guinea) but the Netherlands declared another debate would be "a waste of precious time."

The question of Algeria was also approved for inclusion in the General Assembly's agenda by the Steering Committee today and France declared that she would take advantage of the debate to "reply to the charges and slander against French policy" in the territory.

### NECESSITY

The Indonesian Ambassador, Dr Ali Sastroamidjojo, backed by 20 African and Asian states in putting the question before the Assembly the fourth consecutive year, said debate was necessary because the issue continued to disturb the peace of the area.

The Netherlands delegate, Koninkrijk W.H.J. van Asselt van Wijk, argued that previous debates had proved useless and that the General Assembly could not take any practical action in the matter because of Indonesia's insistence that the only solution must be the recognition of her claim to the New Guinea territory.—United Press.

Bogota, Sept. 18. Group Captain Peter Townsend arrived here last night on a South American tour. He remained secluded in a hotel today and refused to see newsmen.—United Press.

## VILLAGER MAKES SNAKE A SAINT BUT POLICE OBJECT

Aloor Star, Sept. 18. The police of Kadan, a North Malayan State, had to interfere to break the myth that a snake was a saint and the water it bathed in had powers to give health and strength.

Hundreds of villagers had gathered at the house of San Bin Baki, known in the past six days after news had spread that a three-foot snake held by him had spiritual powers. Villagers went to

seek the "Holy water" collected after the snake's daily bath. The story started with a dream in which San Bin Baki saw the snake in the form of a "Kramat" (ghost) coming to his house to visit his mother. The next day a snake appeared on the doorstep of San Bin Baki's house at Bagan, about six miles away. His husband, not informed of his father-in-law's dream,

struck the reptile eight times with a stick but it survived. News soon spread that the serpent was a "Kramat" and villagers from far and near flocked to ask for "Holy water."

Last night police and the religious authorities seized the "Kramat" snake. Religious leader Tuan Sali told the villagers it was against the Muslim faith to worship a snake as a saint.—United Press.

## THE FIRST



Squadron Officer Elizabeth Benson, the first woman Royal Air Force officer to take up a staff appointment at Headquarters, Allied Air Forces in Europe, Squadron Officer Benson has already had a tour of duty with the US Air Force in Virginia, and has served in Germany.—Reuterphoto.

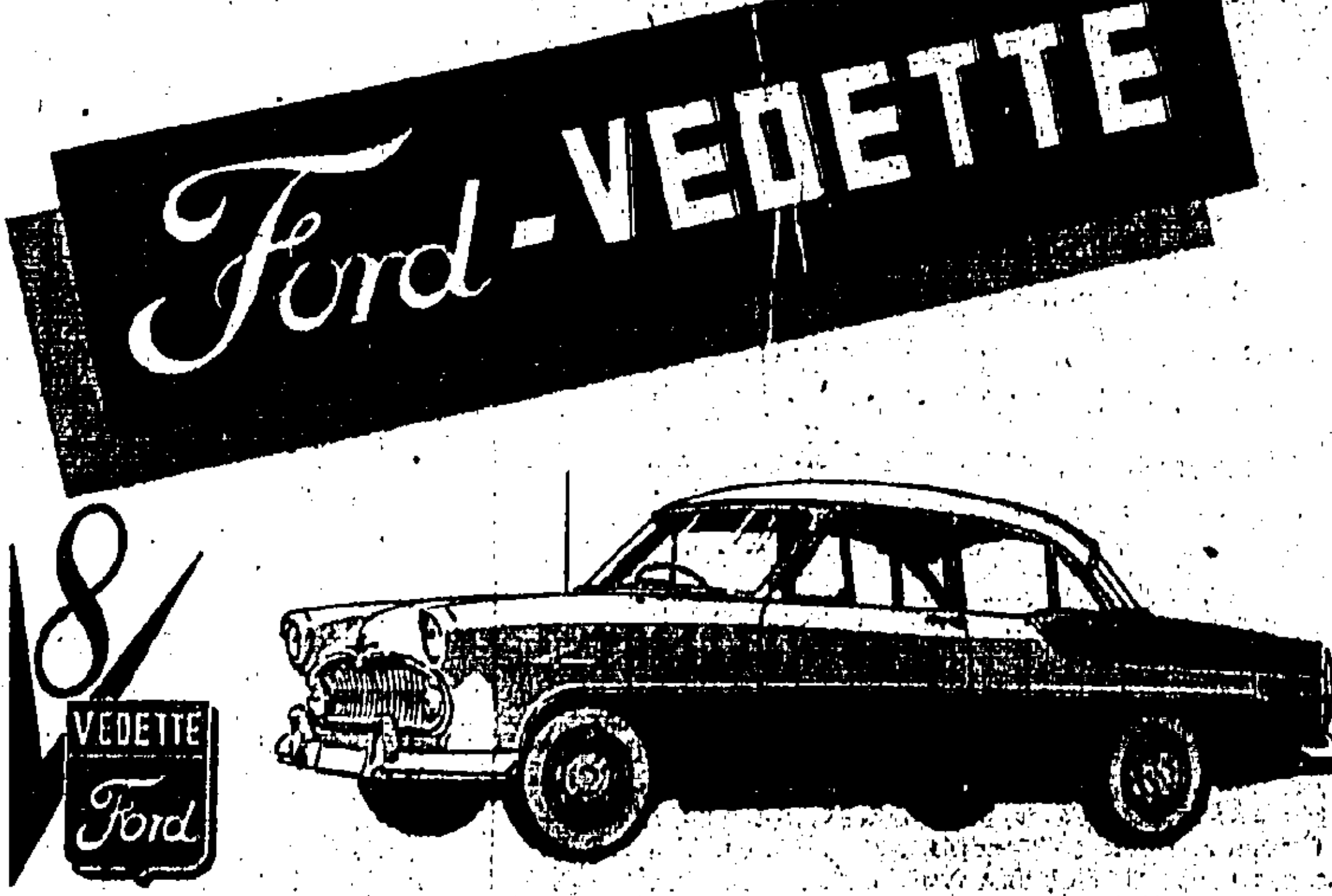
## FILM STAR INJURED

Asheville, N.C., Sept. 18. Actor Robert Mitchum tripped on an electric cable on a film set today and fractured a bone in his foot.

The office of DRM Productions, filming a picture about mountain moonshiners in this area, said Mitchum fractured a bone and also sprained a ligament in his ankle.

A spokesman said Mitchum was back at work this afternoon after receiving treatment at a local hospital but was "uncomfortable"—United Press.

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## THE SKELETON

IN the Skeleton Crossword the black squares and clue numbers have to be filled in as well as the words. Four black squares and four clue numbers have been inserted to give you a start. The black squares form a

ACROSS  
2. Musical composition?  
3. What is a...  
4. ...  
10. Bread and...  
11. Soldiers start to fall back.  
12. Make an effort to get a good man for the meeting.  
14. He gets a bit of a...  
16. Only half a flower for her, please.  
17. She adds to her dress with confused art.  
18. Red goes to town with it in Yorkshire.  
20. Towel folded for a young floor.  
21. Criminal taken in hand by a shepherd.  
25. Man of the hayco and all the...  
26. Unattractive line of progress.  
27. Light curve.  
28. Just the horse to carry one up the mountain?

symmetrical pattern; the top half matches the bottom half and the two sides correspond. So you can fill in 12 more squares at once to correspond with those given.

DOWN  
1. Not worn exclusively by students at the building trades school.  
2. Naturally finishing as your friend.  
3. In it you may get carried away.  
5. Are there what cause men to be criminals?  
6. Just take what seems suitable.  
8. I've gone South for some Cornish salubrious.

7. Faithful to the facts.  
8. May be taken as compensation for foul play (two words).  
13. This angry encounter is just part of the act.  
15. Classical poet making a comeback after a foreign tour?  
16. Has a thin time and probably got plastered.  
17. Irritating little creature taken up as a matter of taste.  
18. Keeping a man requires a certain amount of co-operation.  
24. Foreigner from Ross and Cromarty.

### WEDNESDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS  
1. BISHOP  
2. FRIEND  
3. MURDER  
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## SINCE SUEZ

JULY 26, 1956.—Nasser nationalises Suez Canal.

AUGUST 23.—Eighteen nations agree on proposals for international control of Canal.

SEPTEMBER 9.—Nasser rejects the proposals.

OCTOBER 29.—Israel invades Egypt.

NOVEMBER 1.—Britain and France begin operations to occupy Canal.

NOVEMBER 3.—Port Said captured.

NOVEMBER 6.—Cease-fire agreed.

JANUARY 30, 1957.—King Saud visits Eisenhower.

MARCH 7.—Eisenhower proclaims the Eisenhower Doctrine "to promote peace and stability in the Middle East." It offers economic aid to all Middle East countries who freely subscribe to it.

APRIL 3.—Jordanian Prime Minister Nabulsi will establish diplomatic relations with Russia.

APRIL 15.—King Hussein of Jordan smashes Communist-backed attempt at assassination.

APRIL 25.—General strike called in Jordan to protest against Eisenhower Doctrine.

MAY 29.—Government candidates charge Russia with giving £40,000 bribes in Lebanese general elections.

AUGUST 6.—Arms and trade agreement between Syria and Russia.

AUGUST 18.—Syrian army purged and senior officers replaced by pro-Russian men.

SEPTEMBER 7.—U.S. announces air-lifts of arms to Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq to meet Communist threats.

SEPTEMBER 9.—First delivery of arms arrives in Jordan.

# Fine Focus on the Middle East

## Object No. 1 is... chaos in Lebanon!

BEIRUT.

HIGH, high, on the list of immediate Russian targets in the Middle East is pocket-sized Lebanon. This is the pro-West country which was the first to embrace the Eisenhower doctrine for the Middle East.

I now have evidence that a build-up of arms smuggled in from Syria is going on—with Russian help. These arms are falling into the hands of the Moslem community. In theory Lebanon is populated by exactly fifty per cent Christians and fifty per cent Moslems. A census dare not be held for fear of showing a Christian minority.

By man-on-the-spot  
**COLIN LAWSON**

EDITED BY JOHN S. MATHER

Lebanon, however, has not many Moslem Communists. But the Moslems are bitterly opposed to the Eisenhower doctrine, which they see as a threat to Arab unity and an encouragement to Zionist expansion.

The June elections viciously attacked by the Moslems as being rigged, gave the pro-West parties a large majority. Since then there have been running gun battles between Moslem fanatics and police and troops in the mountains.

### IN A CAR

Sometimes tanks have to be moved up but always the Moslems slip away. Last week Czech arms were found in the door panels of a Syrian car taking innocent passengers to Beirut. Dully, tommyguns are smuggled across the border from Russian dumps.

All for one reason—to encourage a revolt against the government of President Chamoun, Premier Sami Solh, and the strong man of Lebanese politics, Foreign Minister Charles Malik. A note of alarm has just been sounded by one Beirut newspaper—"We hope nothing like that which took place between the two Kerenski and her neighbors."

Yet any serious armed revolt in Lebanon—which the Russians are trying to engineer—could be exploited by just a handful of secret Communists standing behind Arab nationalists.

Note that it would not be necessary to get a clear-cut decision in Lebanon. Indeed, chaos in the country would be preferable to the Russians.

### PARALYSIS—

Note that the Lebanese port of Beirut is vital to Iraq and Jordan. Daily from it go convoys of heavy duty lorries with machinery, goods, supplies, and essentials for the two countries. Note that trouble in the Lebanon could paralyse the economic life of the two countries.

For, of alternative ports, Aqaba is too small, and Basra is a further 3,500 miles away.

And then note this: The Lebanon plan is only part of the long-term Kremlin plan for the whole Middle East.

It is a flexible plan. A plan to take immediate advantage of any situation created in the name of Arab nationalism and anti-Imperialism.

How did it come about? Just before Stalin's death the new approach to the Middle East entered the early planning stage. Directives were issued to Communist cells in Syria, Jordan, and Iraq, ordering them to penetrate and gain control of nationalist elements.

Then, two years ago, a new power-house of subversive ideas was set up in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan.

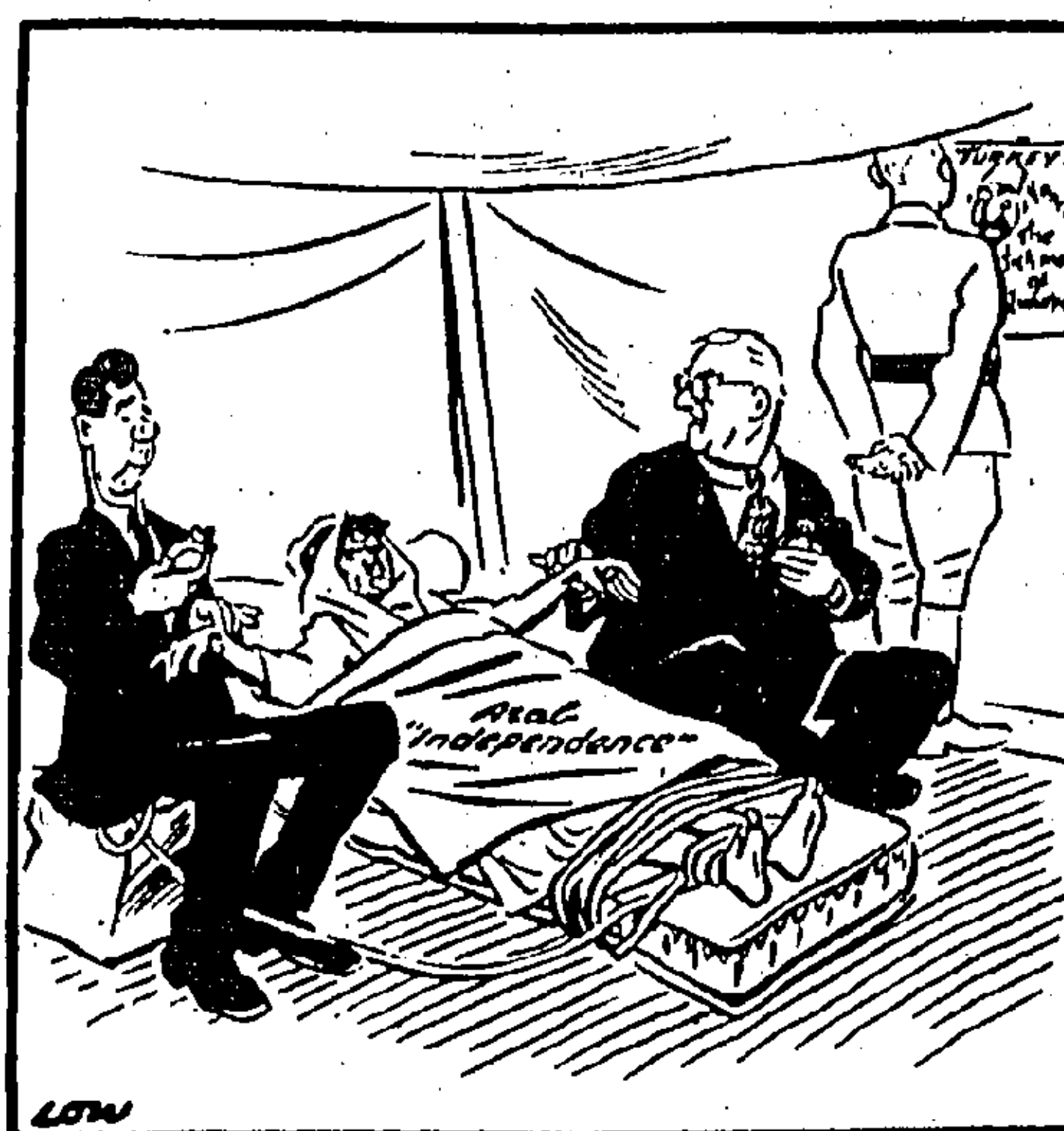
Previously the main centre for furthering Russian Imperialism in this explosive part of the world was called the "Soviet Middle East and Asian Research Bureau." This has now been reorganised and enlarged under the name of the Orientalist Institute.

It is directed by the top Communist theoretical expert on the Middle East, R. G. Gafurov. The Tashkent Orientalist Institute has been turned into a showpiece for visiting Asians and Arabs. It sports "religious freedom."

It is a training centre for agents from Moslem countries. They are given courses in sabotage, political agitation, subversion, and penetration of trade unions.

At a conference in the institute on June 4 this year, the leading Communist Asian expert, Mukhammadov, said: "We made serious mistakes in evaluating the role of the bourgeoisie in the anti-Imperialist struggle of the East."

So the slogan now is "Penetration through the bourgeoisie, exploitation of Arab nationalism and eventual control from within."



SICK MAN OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Bakri (trade unions), and Mohamed Salibi.

They have strong links with underground Rada in Jordan, Iraq, and Lebanon.

Just one pace behind all this the work goes on in the Soviet Embassies in Damascus, Cairo, and Beirut.

Syrian University staff have been shipped to Moscow for brain-washing.

Mustafa el Sibai, head of the fanatic Moslem Brotherhood has come back from Russia full of propaganda about religious freedom. The Moslem Brotherhood is now so riddled with fellow travellers that the favourite line is: "The Russians are our friends first and Communists second. They do not interfere with our religious beliefs."

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## PIPE DREAMS ABOUT HOUSING

AFTER Mr Khrushchev had inaugurated his new regime with concessions to the peasantry, it was almost inevitable that urban housing should appear on the agenda.

To the Soviet citizen very little is so important as the possible improvement of his accommodation.

It is still quite normal in the USSR for a flat to be shared by three families, each of whom occupies one room, only.

In a Central Committee resolution early in August, Mr Khrushchev promised to put an end to the housing shortage within the next ten to twelve years.

Pravda pointed out that the new drive was a "clear manifestation of great solicitude for the people's welfare and happiness."

The comment contrived somehow to connect the campaign with the defeat of the vile "anti-Party" men, Molotov, Malenkov and Kaganovich, although there was unintended irony in the reference. It was Mr Kaganovich in November, 1956, in the key speech at the "Revision Day" celebrations, who came forward as an advocate of a vigorous housing drive.

Private Building

Stripped of political significance, however, Mr Khrushchev's campaign sets a target for 1960 only slightly above that of the current Five-Year Plan for State construction.

On the other hand, it is now proposed steeply to step up private building.

This is to equal, in terms of floor space, as much as half of State construction, and will include primarily co-operative blocks in which individual flats are allotted permanently to tenants.

One wonders what lies behind this apparently growing preference for private housing. First, Mr Khrushchev is appealing to the sense of ownership, which seems still to be strong in the 40 year-old Communist society.

Second, he seems to have been converted to the belief that private initiative may be more effective than State building under the supervision of bureaucrats.

Finally, he wants to kill a third bird with the same stone—Inflation.

The Soviet Government has recently done away with the floating of State loans, by virtually compulsory deductions from salaries and wages.

It says in the new resolution that individual house-building is expected to be financed from what the people save through the abolition of loan deductions.

Inflation

Apparently not enough consumer goods have reached the market to match the extra money left in the people's pockets, and the Government wants to mop this away by promoting private building; the size of house-construction, the allocation of sites and the supply of materials in any case depend on the State.

The important question now is how soon the people of a decent dwelling for every family will materialise.

Mr Khrushchev was careful enough not to be caught out on this score, as he fixed his final target to 12 years hence—a period of nearly half a generation.

In 1926 the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party declared in a special resolution that "one of the most acute problems is housing and it must be solved if any improvement whatsoever is to be made in the lives of the workers."

In the 30 years that have followed housing space has been trebled in the cities and towns, but the urban population has risen at a still faster rate. The average Soviet family is worse off today than it was at the time the special resolution was proclaimed—30 years ago!

These old enough to remember it may be excused if they view the new declaration of the Party and Government with cynicism. In any case the mathematics of the housing pledges are somewhat confused.

Assuming that urban population continues to increase as in the past, there will still be by the end of the decade, rather more than five people to every two rooms in the towns of the Soviet Union.

In other words, three times as many people per room as there now are in Britain.

But if Soviet families can be persuaded to build a decent, of wonderful homes in the future it will go down help Mr Khrushchev politically.

by

Alfred Zauberman

## The End Of The Boom In Busts?



Hundreds of women in Britain, including many professional models, are undergoing operations to plane down their bosoms, plastic surgeon Patrick Clarkson has revealed.

The number of women who are having their busts reshaped has doubled in the last 10 years at the London hospital where most of the operations are performed.

And despite the popularity of Marilyn Monroe, Gina Lollobrigida, Sophia Loren and other well-stacked wenches, most of the operations are for reduction of the bust in order to fit in with present fashions.

Says Mr Clarkson, writing in The Practitioner: "An increasing number of

women are dissatisfied with what they have got. A bust which is wide of the current fashionable mark is a serious social, economic and psychological disadvantage to a woman in the professional classes.

"A girl's feelings about her bulky bosom may adversely affect her whole adjustment to life. I consider it entirely reasonable and proper medicine that such feelings should be offered relief by surgery."

Women are no longer content to put up with special bras and other aids to spiritual uplift when surgery can give them a figure they can show off in a bikini.

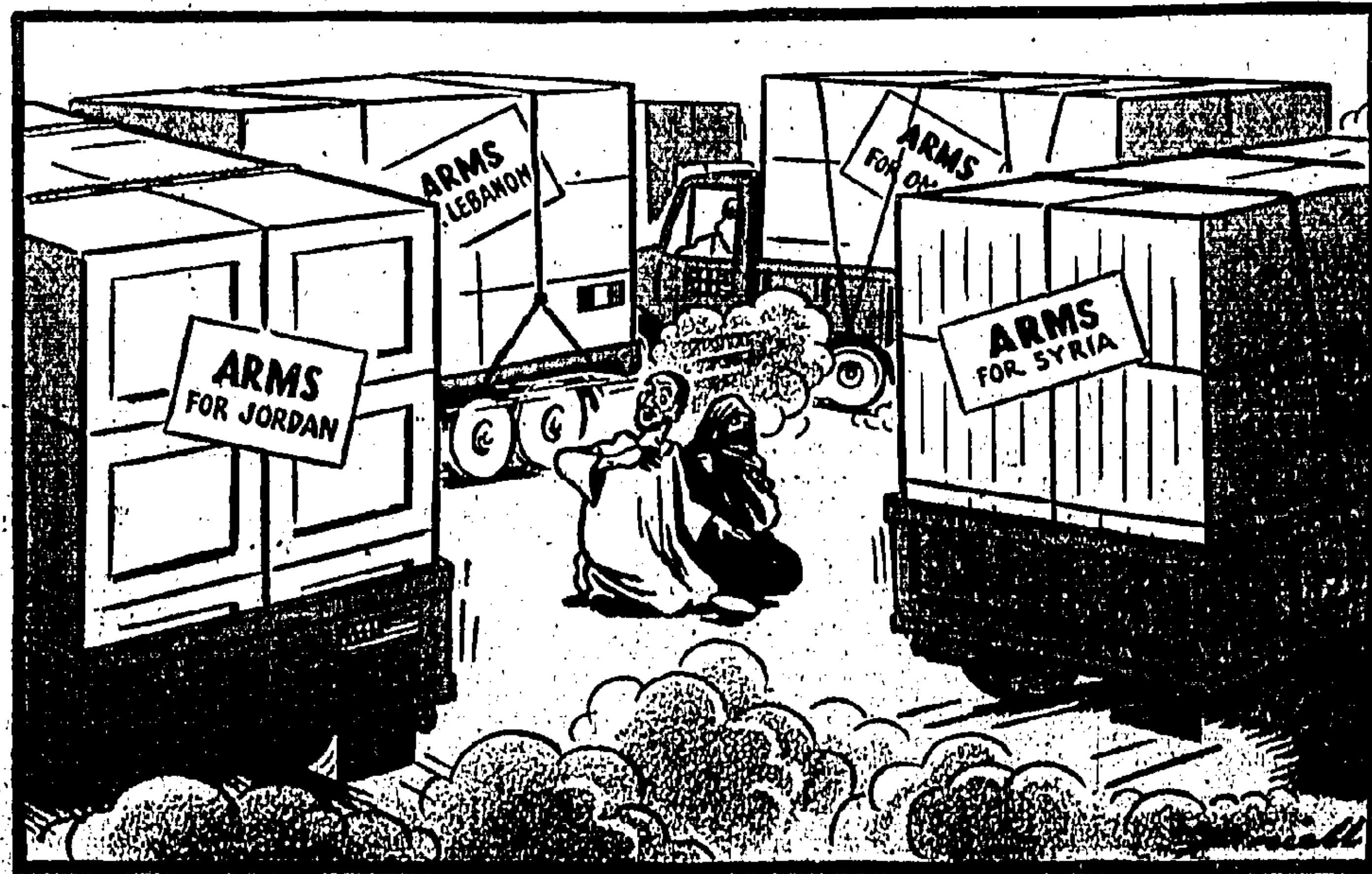
Mr Clarkson gives two main reasons why more women are having their figures remodelled: there is a growing "cult of the bosom" among young girls. (One girl asked Mr Clarkson to streamline her figure because she would otherwise never get married, as "men are so bosom-conscious.")

Many models and other women depend on their figures for their livelihood.

Surgeon Clarkson reveals that his patients include "many young models and others who have clear and well-informed ideas about what shape and size of bust is most suitable to their professional needs."

What is a husband's attitude to a wife who wants to undergo this operation? Usually, reports Mr Clarkson, he is satisfied with a wife as she is. He puts up mute opposition to the project, but he is usually overruled.

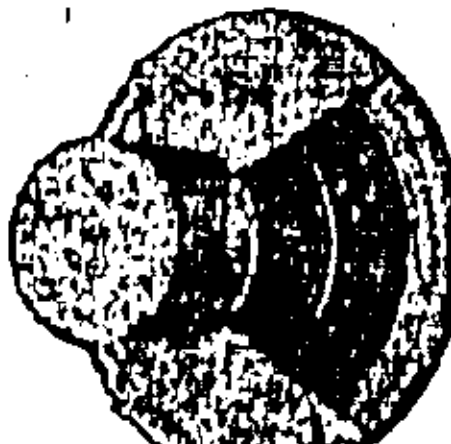
Pictured here are four of the busiest and busiest of international show business. They are, from left, Italy's Gina Lollobrigida; America's Jane Russell; America's Marilyn Monroe; and Britain's Sabrina.



"BUT WE WANTED ARMS, FOR THE LOVE OF ALLAH!"

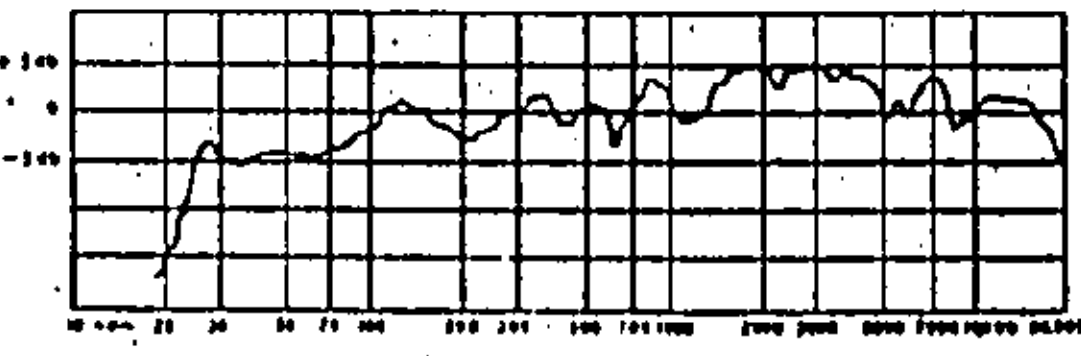
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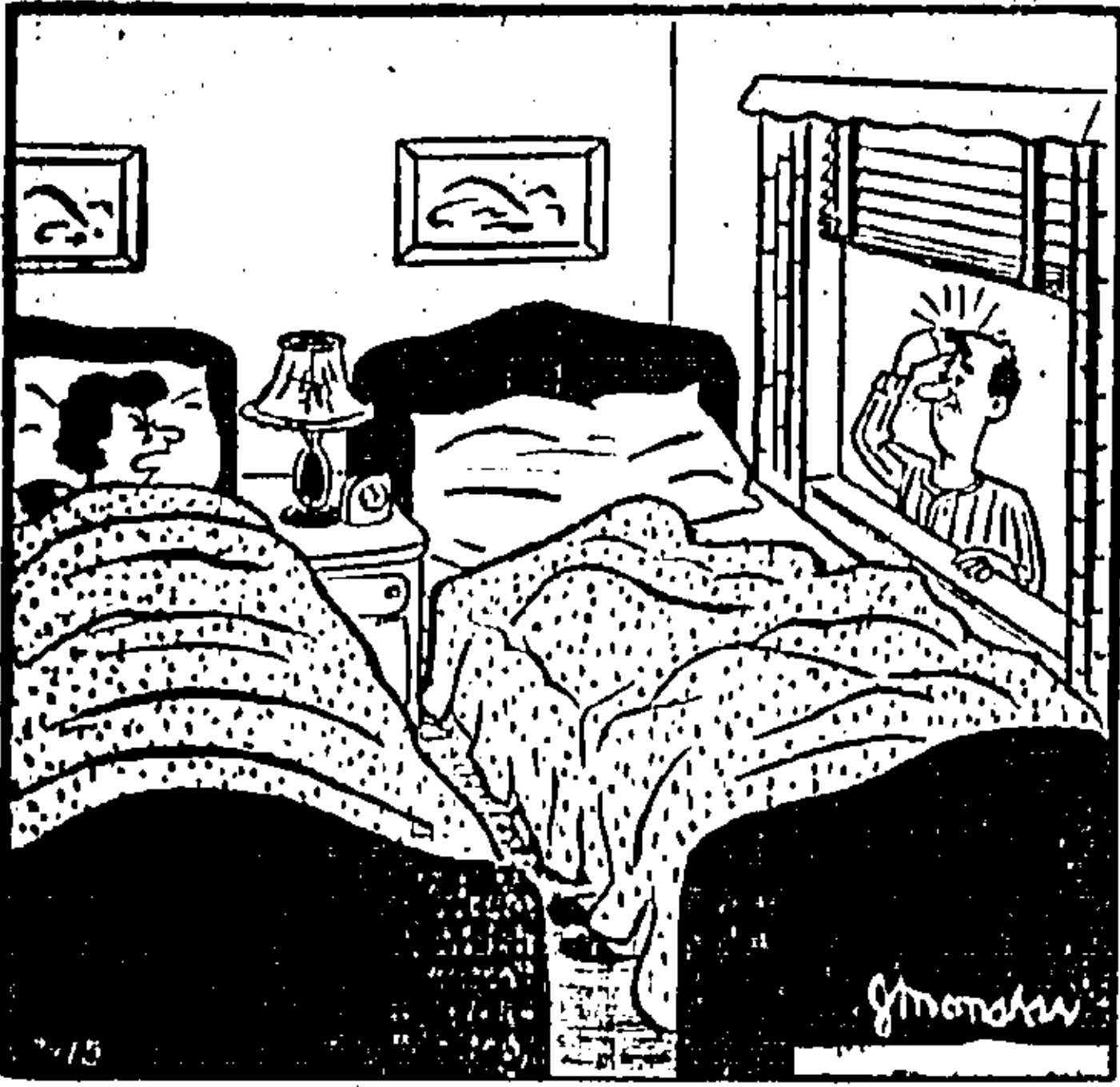
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## This Funny World



"Oh, for goodness sakes, did you get up on the wrong side of the bed, again?"

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

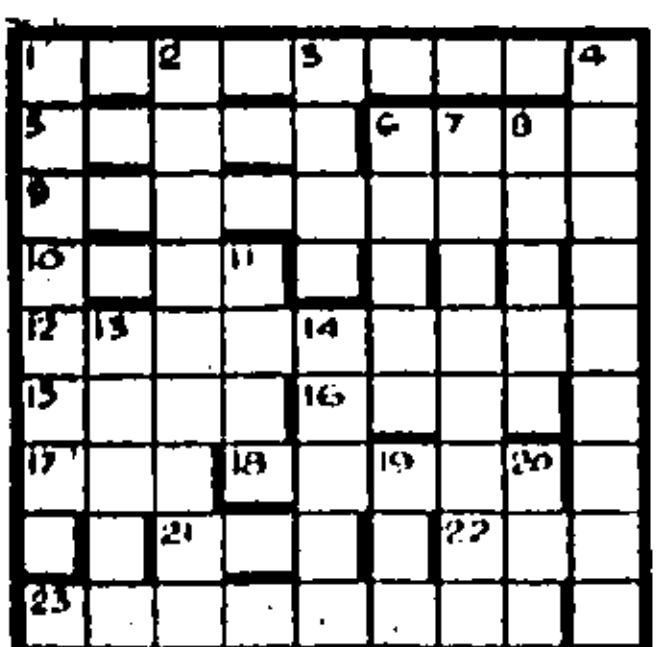
CAN there be any connection between the recent smuggling of corsets into Ecuador and the Health Ministry announcement that more than 200,000 are issued free every year in this country?

Has some secret corset party been stockpiling the stuff in remote Lancashire warehouses and then shipping them (on dark nights) to Puna Island? From there they could easily be landed on the coast in some lonely creek and rushed by lorry to Cuenca. The Liberal Congress at Oxford discussed this matter and decided to make representations to the Ministry of Health, the Foreign Office, and the Permanent Interior Committee which investigates the dumping of Japanese goods.

## Love conquers all

THE ruthless scythe of passion has moved the postman's solitary hair. In more homely language, Gertrude, Mail, stole upon her fiance as he dozed and snuggled from his head this lonely sentinel. It now reposes between the leaves of "Love—

## CROSSWORD



1. Raise cry. Across. (9)  
2. A wide sea with violence. (5)  
3. The space around. (4)  
4. Harsh. (5)  
5. They keep you close. (4)  
6. This could be interpreted in two different ways. (10)  
7. Delay seen round about Christ. (4)  
8. Enabled without end. (4)  
9. Melody. (3)  
10. Like an orator, or act like a whole. (6)  
11. Suitable fruit time. (3)  
12. They are apt to be waiting for it here. (3)  
13. This takes helps many an overdone plane. (9)

## Down

1. Desert island character. (6)  
2. Hoopoe, for instance. (4)  
3. Red Lion Feather, and Wild Duck. (4)  
4. Fun like mixed. (9)  
5. Spray might get it. (1, 4)  
6. A word meaning (6)  
7. Follow. (5)  
8. Hea and an M.P. each does. (4)  
9. M. I. d. a. a. (4)  
10. Not of gold though. (5)  
11. Looka queen in a u. l. ned. (4)  
12. Wild one when started. (4)  
13. Short for a boy. (3)

## CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN

The former Essex champion, Dr. Fackas, is one of the most ingenious attacking players in the country. The following win by him is against the Scottish International, Dr. Aitken.

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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

North's Neck In Grinder

By OSWALD JACOBY

WEST'S opening bid was a minimum or maybe a trifle less so that in spite of his partner's strong bidding he passed at two no-trump.

This was too much for North. Without stopping to realize that his partner was marked with an absolute bust or possibly one jack, North stuck his neck right into the great grinder and yelled "Double." East redoubled and South ran out to three clubs. West doubled that and East doubled the three-heart rescue.

West opened the jack of hearts. He wanted to get as many enemy trumps out as possible. The jack was allowed to hold and West played a second heart. Dummy's ace won the trick and the king of diamonds was led and taken by West's ace. West played a low spade and South went wrong. He played dummy's ten.

East won with the queen and took his high hand and shifted to the four of clubs. West won

NORTH 20			
♠ K108			
♥ A107			
♦ KQJ10			
♣ Q			
WEST (D)			
♠ A932			
♥ J5			
♦ A93			
♣ K107			
EAST			
♠ Q74			
♥ KQ6			
♦ 876			
♣ A394			
SOUTH			
♠ 654			
♥ 432			
♦ 42			
♣ 86532			
Both vulnerable			
West	North	East	South
1♦	Double	Redouble	1♥
Pass	2♥	2NT	Pass
Double	3♥	Double	Redouble
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥J			

with the king and played a second club which was ruffed in dummy.

This gave declarer his second trick. He cashed dummy's three good diamonds and eventually made his remaining trump for a total of six tricks and a minus of 800 points.

South could have saved one trick if he had gone up with the king of spades, but even the 800 set was better than letting two no-trump play redouble. East would surely have made his contract for a plus of 830 and he probably would have made an overtrick for 400 points more.

## CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West  
1♦ 3♦ 7  
You, South, hold:  
♠ K2 ♥ K76 ♦ A Q 3 ♣ A 10 8 7 6  
What do you do?  
A—Bid three no-trump. This is an overbid but you have no other bid and are too strong to pass.  
TODAY'S QUESTION  
The bidding has been the same as in the previous question.  
You, South, hold:  
♠ K 10 8 ♥ K 2 ♦ A 7 5 ♣ A 7 5 4  
What do you do?  
Answer Tomorrow

## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

BORN today, you have a good head for business and will find that practical side very handy. You are a stickler for your own self as you are for others. You are a good worker for others and the best path toward one's contentment and happiness is to lead to becoming your own boss. You have a magnetic personality which draws people to you and makes it easy for you to direct them in any enterprise. Naturally a leader, you will be able to gather together a good group of workers. You might do well in personnel work, since you have the keen insight and ability to cut through a pure and simple to the real truth. You are a good judge of character and fairly have to chance your opinion, once it has been given.

If all this applies to make you a rather step, forbidding person, this is quite the wrong idea. You are also gay, witty and pleasure-loving and like to entertain in your own home.  
Many of you will find that the stars hold a real fascination for you.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Five possibilities in business for you. As an employer or employee, you should find conditions excellent.  
LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—This can be one of the month's best days but it also behooves you to push your best efforts constantly.  
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Consider personal affairs with you. Business interests for the best possible success. Can be a romantic day.  
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—Prospects are fair and can be turned into excellent account if you will put forth big efforts. Can be an important day.  
CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—You can be more adventuresome than other times and gain an important advantage to develop your success.  
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Friendly relationships can work toward a happy combination of

personal and business success just now.  
PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Good fortune attends you, so make the best possible use of all opportunities. The interest in your work is high.  
ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—This is an outstanding day, especially for financial matters involving property or real estate. Close a deal.  
TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—A record-making day. The stars say you may achieve some long-term objective for which you have been working.  
GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—A sale day socially as well as being productive in financial and business affairs.  
CANCER (June 22-July 21)—Make spectacular gains now. There is nothing standing in your way. Forget ahead successfully.  
LEO (July 22-Aug. 21)—It plans to be well-made now is the time to execute them speedily and successfully. No more delay.

## CHILDREN LOVE MOLASSES COOKIES

MOLASSES cookies are an all-time favorite in school lunch pails. Here they are, done with a different flavour with the addition of prunes.

To make, you will use ¼ cup of cooked prunes; ½ cup shortening; ¾ cup sugar; 1 ½ cup of light molasses; 2 ½ cups sifted all-purpose flour; 3 teaspoons of ginger; 1 teaspoon of salt; ½ teaspoon of soda; and ¼ cup of water.

Remove the pits from the prunes and chop. Cream together the shortening, sugar and molasses. Sift the flour with ginger, salt and soda. Stir into the creamed mixture alternately with water. Stir in the prunes and drop the mixture by teaspoonfuls onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake in a moderately hot oven (375 degrees) 12 to 15 minutes. Yield about 40 cookies. United Press.

## Household Hint

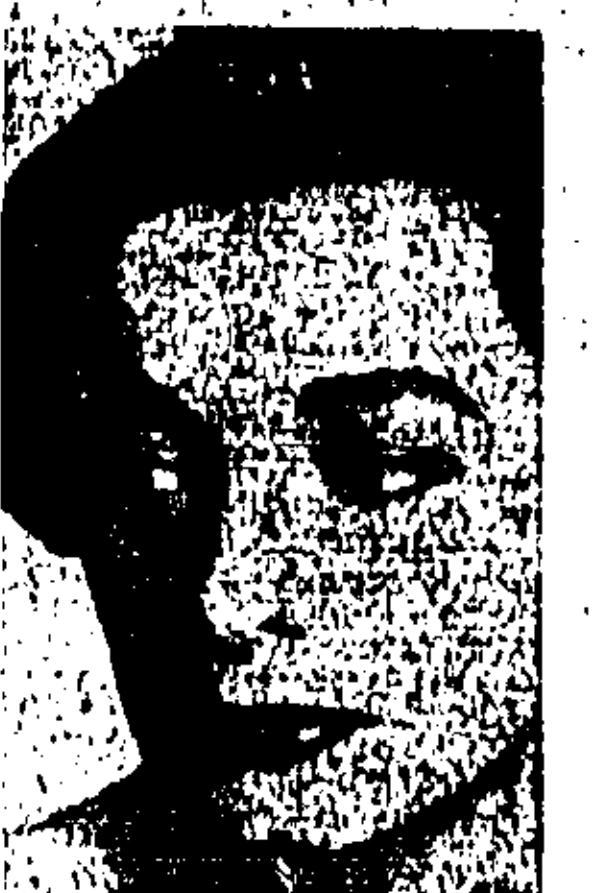
Your tin opener should be kept as clean as any other kitchen utensil. Wash it in hot water and soap after each use.

Operators mounted on the wall can usually be lifted off the hinge for easy cleaning. A small brush is handy for cleaning the opener's cutting edge.

## WOMANSENSE

## How they get St. Trinian's out of your girl's hair...

by SYLVIA LAMOND



THE conversation had come round, as always, to the enormous cost of educating our young—and I said: "What a waste of money finishing schools are these days." Mrs. Hugh McCordquale (mother of Mrs. Gerald Lerge) looked amazed.

"Darling," she said, "Would you want our girls to grow up not knowing what a finger bowl is for?"

"In the home where there was once a butler, the family now does the washing-up. A good finishing school or least teaches a girl what to do with a butler if she ever gets one. I was not convinced, being a generation younger than Bar-

bara McCordquale and resigned to butter-less living. But I understand her passion for standards. And I don't think anybody needs a looking-up of standards more than the average girl from a British boarding school.

She has crouched over a desk for 10 years, and continues to crouch all around the house.

## IS IT WORTH IT?

SHE has been segregated from the other sex, and does her famous right-wing bolt whenever it appears. Something has to be done about her figure, her voice, her St. Trinian's blouses.

If by sending a daughter to finishing school I got back a lovely young woman with a high potential, I'd start saving now.

But it costs between £500 and £1,000 for a year—and I wonder, is it worth it?

To find out I visited a typical school in Knightsbridge—a "tastefully appointed" house (brochure language for all finishing schools) which once belonged to Lily Langtry. In her study, surrounded by pictures of Old Girls in their Court-curtsey gowns, I met the principal, Miss Palanque.

She said that turning a schoolgirl into a lady was not a process that changed.

"The greatest thing is to help the girl assume authority for herself. We make a start by coaxing her to switch off her own light at bedtime."

Mademoiselle's face in its halo of marmalade hair shone with sincerity.

"Remember, the girl has had everything done for her."

"Once she can switch off her own light, she is ready for other responsibilities. She gets her own front-door key."

"And is allowed out with young men," I said. "Ah-h-h. But young men are submitted to my first. A girl brings her boyfriend to me before they go out and I make tactful suggestions about where he should take her."

## DISCRIMINATING

"ARE there never any unpleasant incidents?" I asked.

"The principal beamed reassuringly."

"I very rarely have to deal with an unsuitable escort. After all, girls who live in a charming atmosphere with other charming girls soon become discriminating."

"I only recall one rather nasty incident. That was when I had to pack a girl off to Scotland to part her from a very peculiar young man—and even he had a title."

Does the school provide any sex instruction?

"I give it, only as a mother would," said Mademoiselle, quickly. "If a girl wants to know anything, or I feel she is confused, we try to straighten it out over a cup of coffee."

Do the girls learn anything to help them earn a living?

"I can arrange for them to have any courses they desire outside," said Mademoiselle. "But practical instruction has always been secondary in a finishing school. We visit museums, selected plays and concerts; we give dancing classes, a little cookery and a certain amount of etiquette. French is the only important subject."

"Her face saddened slightly. "Although today, I am afraid, shorthand typing has come to us all."

## 50 TO 60 WPM

"NATURALLY I would never press a girl for high efficiency. If she wants to be a shorthand specialist she must take a course elsewhere."

"But if she simply wants to be useful to her husband, taking a few notes for him when they are abroad on a business trip..." Miss Palanque's face brightened. "Then I am happy if she manages 50-60 words a minute."

Still I was not convinced. Surely there must be something else for all that investment?

## HER SECRET

MADemoiselle Palanque let me into her secret. "Seventy-nine of my girls have married in the past 23 months," she said. "And they have all made such very good marriages."

"This," she added simply, "is what impresses parents."

It reminded me of something Mrs. McCordquale had said:—

"My daughter had a rather ghastly time at a German finishing school. But they took her up a mountain, and right at the top, in the most romantic circumstances—she met her husband."

## Stick It On The Back Of Your Head...

&amp; Forget It

By Hazel Meyrick

London.

AFTER all the fuss about hats that hid your face, hats that sit on top of your head, and the kind you wear down one side of it, it's the hat you stick on the back of your head—and forget about—that is making news in London now.

Back, with a bang, are the beret, the jelly-bag cap and the "windsock" turban. They cover your hair completely, look neat and chic, and everyone can find a version to suit them.

The beret, of course, is the one hat that suits all women, one that slightly self-conscious in anything too smart. For once Paris has come round to our way of thinking—and the beret is suddenly high fashion.

The 1920's are recalled by the felt helmet-shaped hats that are worn pulled down well over the ears. Tall girls are buying shower-caps in soft fabrics which drop practically down to shoulder-level, small girls are snapping up pert French sailor berets in shocking pink, bitter yellow and other bright shades. But the girl who wants to start out in a crowd is the one who is buying this year's beret to end all berets—it's in fluffy snow-white melusine, has a wide black velvet headband with a pearl trimming in centre front, and is a daisy-dog fabulously expensive French model.



Two versions of the beret, both selling in London at under thirty shillings: Left: A velvet shower-cap, with a loop trimming at the back. Right: A 'wind-sock' turban in soft, pliable felt.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

## World's Marble Champ

—Nobody Played Marbles The Way Policeman Did—

By MAX TRELL

My house with my marbles. I rolled one down the street and rolled the other one after it.

"Just the way I did," said Knarf.

"Exactly the way you did!" nodded the Policeman. "So I kept rolling the marbles, one after the other, one after the other, on and on, down streets, down roads, across bridges, over mountains. Suddenly it was noon and I looked up."

"Where were you?" asked Knarf.

"I was in China," said the Policeman.

"In China?" exclaimed Knarf. The Policeman nodded.

## Chinese Lunch

"So I had my lunch in a Chinese restaurant," he said, "and then went on rolling my marbles. I rolled them, and rolled them, on and on, over hills, across fields. Now it was dinner-time and I looked up again."

"When I was a boy," answered the Policeman, "I played marbles morning, noon and night. I never got tired of playing marbles. I rolled them all around the world."

Knarf looked at the Policeman in astonishment.

"You rolled marbles all around the world?" Knarf said.

"I don't know how it happened," said the Policeman, "but that's what did happen. And if you care to hear about it, I'll tell you just how it came about."

## Knarf Wanted To Know

Knarf said he would very much like to hear about how the Policeman rolled marbles all around the world. This is the story the Policeman told:

"Where were you this time?" asked Knarf.

"I was in India," said the Policeman. "So I had my dinner in an Indian restaurant (and very good food it was, too) and I went right on rolling my marbles all through the night under the bright moon. It was morning when I looked up again. You know where I was?"

## They Rolled On

"I was in Egypt. So I had my breakfast in an Egyptian restaurant and then I went on rolling my marbles some more. I rolled them through Spain and France and Germany and Scotland and England and Ireland and then," said the Policeman, "I rolled them across the Atlantic Ocean."

Knarf let out an exclamation. "How could you roll marbles across the Atlantic Ocean, Policeman?" he said.

For just a moment, the Policeman paused, then he said, "My dear boy, no one played marbles the way I did. I threw them right across the ocean."

Well, I'd better be getting along. Good morning, Knarf.

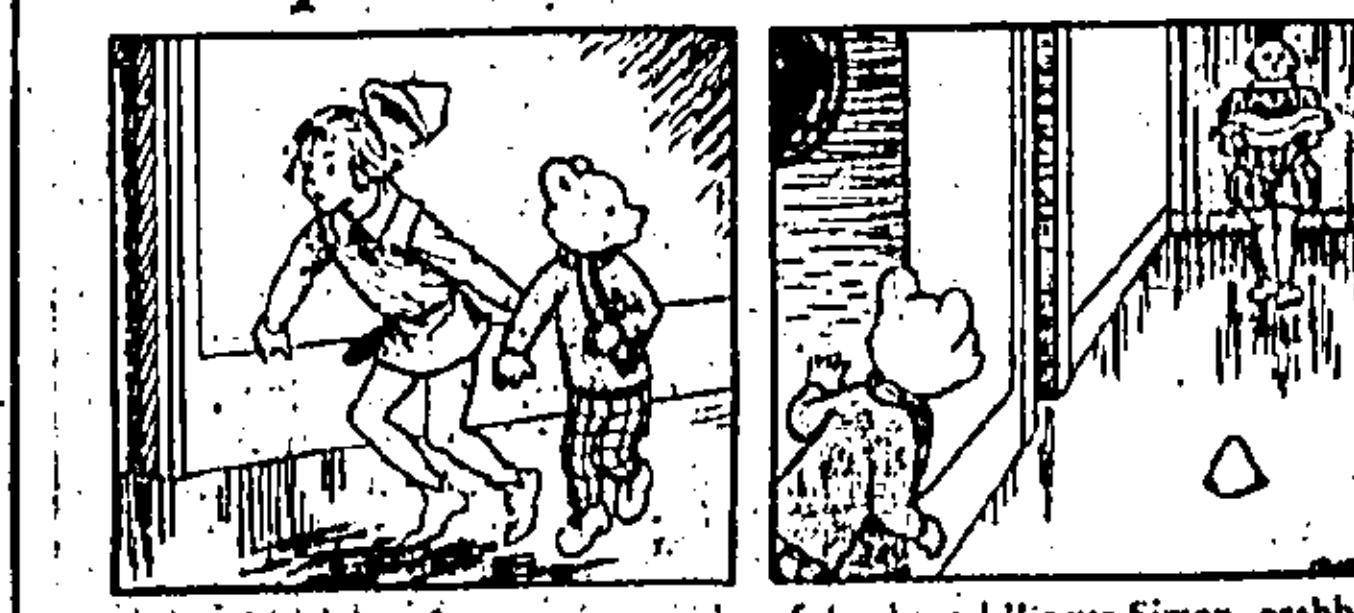
"Good morning, Policeman," said Knarf.

Knarf went back up the street, rolling one marble after the other. But he kept looking up every few minutes to make sure he wasn't in China or India.



"Did you ever play marbles?" Knarf asked Policeman.

## Rupert and the Fiddle—25



At the sight of so many people running about, Simon becomes very nervous. "We were told to get out of everybody's way," he whispers. "Let's go." "Yes, but where?" says Rupert. "We don't know our way about the castle." "Oh anywhere away from here!" says Simon, grabbing Rupert's arm and scurrying through the crowd and down a passage. "Your cap has blown off!" He pauses and looks back just as a gorgeous steward appears following them through the same curtains.

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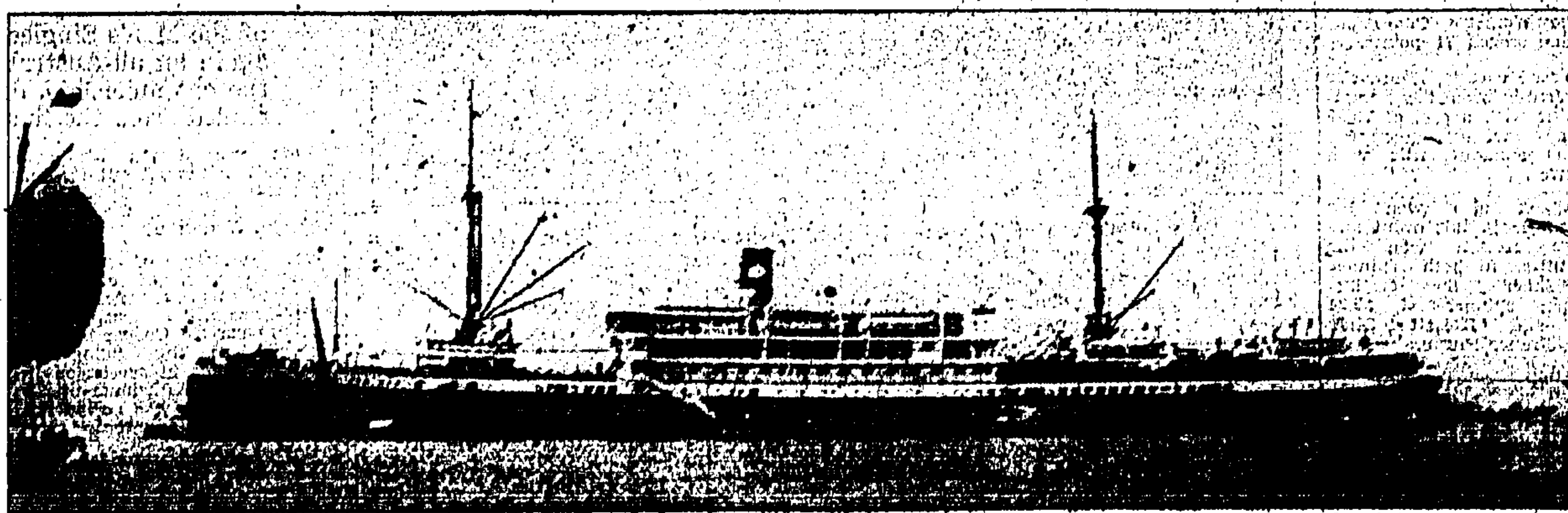
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Most of the pirates were young men and only two of them bothered to hide their identity with handkerchiefs covering their faces.

## A Face He'd Seen Before

There was only one European passenger on this ship of the Van Heutz. He was William G. Collins, a Chartered Accountant in the Singapore Government Service, taking a round-trip holiday. He was in his cabin bunk reading a book on British naval battles when his door burst open and six armed men rushed in. Mr. Collins said he could swear that he had met one of the pirates in Singapore.

In April the following year, the Hongkong Police, acting on information, arrested four men who were charged with having participated in the piracy of the Van Heutz. The four were committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions. Their trial before the Hon. The Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, took place over a period of five days in August of the same year.

They were found guilty, one being sentenced to six years with hard labour and the other three to nine years with hard labour and 10 strokes of the cane each.

## Pawn Ticket Exhibit

The exact charge made against the four men was that they "had committed piracy jure gentium in that on December 14, 1947, upon the high seas, they had put in fear of their lives Captain Kins Albertus Vilek, master of the Van Heutz, other officers, the crew and certain passengers (names unknown) and stole from the master the ship's motorboat, seven revolvers, six pistols, five rifles, two sub-machine guns, 3,100 rounds of ammunition, HK\$475, Straits \$175, Dutch guilders 350 and a raincoat, from Captain Vilek an Omega wrist watch, one pair of trousers and a cabin's pen from Cheng Tm-wee, a European style suit."

Important exhibits in the case were pawn tickets for a raincoat and a European style suit. The jury deliberated 25 minutes before returning a verdict of guilty against all four accused.

NOT quite 10 years ago, on a December afternoon in 1947, the 4,500-ton Dutch motorship Van Heutz was plying a steady 12 knots through choppy seas and under an overcast sky, bound from Hongkong for Swatow and Amoy with 1,600 Chiu-chowese and Hokienese aboard.

These men were largely repatriates from Indonesia and Malaya, homeward bound after years of exile and bringing home with them the savings of two decades.

## Famous Last Words

Third Officer Netterkorn of the Van Heutz had with him on the bridge a younger shipmate, the Fourth Officer. Visible on the port side was the hazy outline of Bias Bay, haunt of pirates since the Thirteenth Century when Arab dhows ventured their way into these waters in search of cargoes of pottery and silk.

Pointing through the haze, Third Officer Netterkorn told his younger colleague "This is where the pirates used to come from, but they haven't been active now for many years."

No sooner had he said this than two dark-coated and felt-hatted men made their presence known on the bridge with pistols at the ready. During the next 15 hours a gang of some 25 pirates relieved most of the passengers of money, valuables, clothes, shoes and hats, and departed with high speed, leaving behind a lot of damaged goods and one of the biggest ships ever pirated in South China waters.

## Underclothes & Bare Feet

In Hongkong harbour the next day many of the repatriate passengers were in their underclothes and barefoot. The pirate gang had run wild particularly on good clothes, shoes and hats. A pirate would try on the shoes of one passenger, discover that these did not fit

him, then try on the pair of another. Liking these, he would stuff the pair into his overcoat pocket, and motion to a third passenger to take his shoes off. These he would decide to keep on his feet, pocket or discard.

This seeming desire for a well-dressed appearance also resulted in the odd pirate strutting around, pistol cocked, two or three overcoats on and a crowning effect of a tier of half a dozen felt hats on his head.

The Bias Bay pirates had awakened after a lull of 13 years. They were to take off for ransom six affluent Chinese passengers. Their whole operation was methodically carried out. Zero hour was 17 minutes after 4 p.m. The ship had left Hongkong at noon the same day—December 14, 1947.

Of the 17 Dutch officers on board most were off duty, including in a typical Dutch East Indian siesta after a good meal of rijsttafel.

## Voices In The Cabin

Youngish skipper Klaas Albertus Vilek yawned and rose to glance out at the skyline, noted the Third Officer on deck holding both his hands up skywards without any apparent reason.

About to step out of his cabin to enquire about this unusual behaviour, he was stopped at his cabin door by six toothy Chinese in long dark overcoats and felt hats who stepped into his cabin in a body and backed

up their jabber of Cantonese with an assortment of levelled revolvers. Chief Engineer Van Kleeveren, started at the murmur of threatening alien voices coming from the direction of the Captain's cabin, rushed in to investigate. He had no hesitation in accepting Captain Vilek's command not to do anything rash in the Captain's cabin as the complete ship's arsenal of two machine guns, rifles and

cabin and offered one of his own cigarettes. He sat down and had a good look at his unwanted guests. It soon struck him that it was a slight, middle-aged individual, with a face of yellow parchment common to confirmed opium smokers, who was lazily giving the orders as he ran his hands through wooden tube filled to the brim with an assortment of varied banknotes, jade pieces, odd jewels and gold bangles,

assumed that another vessel was then passing by. A down the Captain was again brought up on the bridge and was told to steer in the direction of a number of junked off the shallow entrance of Hongkai Bay, just north of Bias Bay.

It was evident that no rendezvous had been arranged with a fleet of pirate junks and, after a long chase, eight fleeing fishing smacks, challenged first through megaphones and then

by pistol and rifle shots, were commandeered by the pirates.

Shortly before 7 a.m. the pirates lowered the ship's motorboat and one lifeboat, into which the Captain, Chief Officer and six Chinese crewmen were ordered to descend. Meanwhile, the pirates loaded their loot into the fishing smacks. This finished the whole little armada piled shoreward.

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The only cargo on board was a consignment of bicycles. There was some considerable argument among the pirates as to whether this should not be

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Never discarding their long coats or their felt hats, the senior members of the gang reclined on the skipper's bed, scotch or the floor, opium pipes—probably part of the loot—were produced and the Captain's cabin soon reeked of heavy, sickly opium fumes.

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## RADIO HONGKONG

5.30 p.m. Thursday Club—Introduced by Robert Asherson; 6. Time Signal; Programme Summary; 6.25. Portuguese Half Hour; 6.30. Variety with Hugo Winterhalter and his orchestra; 7. Music from the British Film; 7.30. Operetta Favorites—Sung by Gordon Macfadyen, with Chorus and Orchestra conducted by George Greeley and Carmen Dragon; 7.45. Weather Report; 8. Time Signal; 8.15. News; 8.30. Concert; 8.45. Simon and Laura—With Maura Lester, Hugh Bowler and James Mayne (Guests); 8.45. "Festival Fair"—A Preview of Preparations for the Hong Kong Festival of Arts 1957; 9.15. At the Opera—"Porgy and Bess" (George Gershwin) Act I, conducted by Leonard Engel conducting Chorus and Orchestra; 10. Australian Songster; 10.15. Ray Martin and his Plectrum Strips; 10.30. "Juke Box"; 10.45. Weather Report; 11. Time Signal; Radio News; 11.15. Good-night Music; 11.30. Close Down.

## Snatchers Active

Five women reported to the Police yesterday that they were the victims of snatchers and various articles had been stolen from them. Investigations are being made.

## REDIFFUSION

3 p.m. Romantic Cycle; 3.45. Novaline; 4. Tea Time Handicrafts; 4.30. Vocally Young; 5. Children's Corner presented by Judith Hay; 5.15. Teen Time—Presented by Betty Souza; 5.30. Tropicals; 5.45. Birthday Mailings; 6.30. Waltz Time; 7. Personality Parade—Deanna Durbin; 7.15. Super White Show; 7.30. Programme of music by Mantovani; 7.45. The Story of Jane Armitage; 8. Time Signal; 8.15. News; 8.30. Weather Report; 8.45. "The Star Show"; 9. Philo Tanco in "The Motor Murder Case"; 9.55. Sports Programme; 10.15. "The Star Show"; 10.30. "The Star Show"; 10.45. "The Star Show"; 11. Time Signal; 11.15. Good-night Music; 11.30. Close Down.

## TELEVISION

4 p.m. Children's Hour—The Story of the Three Little Pigs; 4.15. Children's Hour—The Story of the Three Little Pigs; 4.30. Children's Hour—The Story of the Three Little Pigs; 4.45. Children's Hour—The Story of the Three Little Pigs; 5.00. Children's Hour—The Story of the Three Little Pigs; 5.15. Children's Hour—The Story of the Three Little Pigs; 5.30. Children's Hour—The Story of the Three Little Pigs; 5.45. Children's Hour—The Story of the Three Little Pigs; 6.00. Children's Hour—The Story of the Three Little Pigs; 6.15. Children's Hour—The Story of the Three Little Pigs; 6.30. Children's Hour—The Story of the Three Little Pigs; 6.45. Children's Hour—The Story of the Three Little Pigs; 7.00. Children's Hour—The Story of the







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## PWD COMES UNDER FIRE



### 'AMERICA SHOULD ADMIT PEKING NEWSMEN'

Senator John J. Sparkman, Member of the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told the Press here this morning he was in favour of American newspapermen going into China.

The Senator added that he had a feeling that this was the best chance of "penetrating" the Bamboo or Iron Curtain and that some kind of reciprocal agreement should be worked out to allow Chinese newsmen to enter the United States. He emphasised that he was in favour of the exchange of information and persons "consistent with general affairs."

Senator Sparkman, a Democrat from Alabama, flew here this morning from Taiwan in the course of a round-the-world trip on behalf of the Foreign Relations Sub-Committee on European Affairs and the Sub-Committee on the Far East.

He was accompanied by his wife and by Mr. Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff of the Foreign Relations Committee.

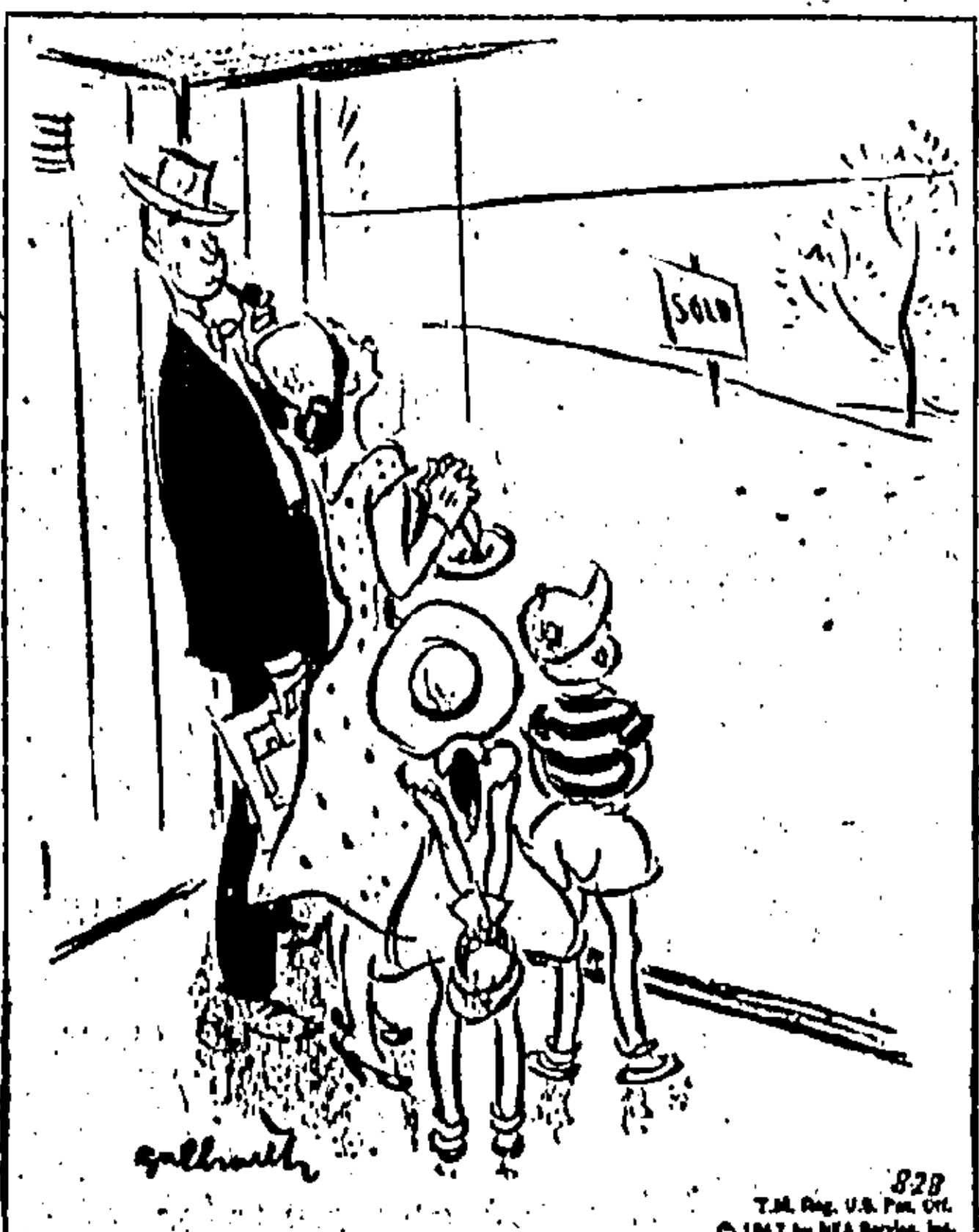
The Senator was introduced to members of the Press by Mr. Roy Hindeke at an interview at the Peninsula Hotel. Mr. Sparkman said he could not see what the distinction was between the State Department's ruling of allowing American newsmen to visit China and its

refusal to sanction the American students' visit. He said he did not know what the State Department's reasons were for the decision, but he said, if the question of the admittance of the American students into China were put to him he would say, "let them go."

### FAREWELL VISIT TO HONGKONG

Admiral Sir Alan K. Scott-Moncrieff, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station, and Lady Scott-Moncrieff, left the Colony by R.A.F. aircraft for Singapore this morning. They were seen off at the airport by Commodore G. D. A. Gregory, Commodore-in-Charge, Hongkong, and Mrs. Gregory. The visitors had been paying their farewell visit to Hongkong. The new Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Gerald Gladstone, will take up his appointment late next month.

### SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Oh, I adore our new house! And just think—it only cost \$7,000 more than it's worth!"

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## Tenancy Tribunal President Criticises Building Plan

The President of a Tenancy Tribunal today described a plan which came before the Tribunal as "a ridiculous development" and said it "should never have been passed by the PWD".

The President, Mr J. H. G. Way said but for the fact that the landlords of two old houses in Shanghai Street were obliged by the conditions of renewal of a Government building covenant to re-build, and also to give up part of the site for widening the road, he would turn the case down.

Permission had been requested to adjourn exemption proceedings as the building permit had expired and a renewal had not yet been issued.

"I am not sure that the case should not be adjourned for all sorts of reasons," the President, Mr J. H. G. Way said.

Mr Rudy T. Lau, the architect, said the reason the total covered floor area of the scheme for two new six-storey buildings, which are to cost \$85,000, was only a little in excess of the old three-storey buildings, was that one of the old houses had no open space and the other insufficient.

### Waste of Space

Also eight feet ten inches of the site was to be surrendered for the widening of Shanghai Street. He said it was a joint building scheme but that the houses would be separate as there were two different owners.

Mr Way commented that the building with two kitchens, two showers, two bathrooms was a waste of valuable space. Mr A. S. C. Comer of Hastings who appeared for the applicants said it would not be complying with the building covenant to build one house. The Government regulations required a building or buildings on each site.

The property was described as "dilapidated and outmoded" the buildings being over 40 years old. Mr Leung Yue-sum and Mr Leung Yue-tung of 21, Monmouth Terrace, Hongkong, are the co-owners of 175, Shanghai Street whilst Mrs. Au Yeung Fung-ching of 1, Wing Fung Street, 1st floor, Hongkong is the owner of 175, Shanghai Street.

### Inquiries Needed

Mr P. C. Woo of Woo and Co., Mr Peter Wong of M. K. Lau and Co. and Mr J. M. D'Almada Remedios of J. M. D'Almada Remedios and Co. appeared for the tenants. Mr Li Shu-long and Mr N. A. Gorman, were Mr Way's colleagues on the Tribunal.

The case was adjourned until after lunch. "This is a case which calls for some inquiries to be made," Mr Way said, who added he would use the rest of the morning to do this.

### 15-STORY BLOCK OF FLATS

A block of 15-storey buildings, occupying the former sites of Nos 696-702 King's Road, North Point, will soon be built by the Chung Yuen Construction and Land Investment Company.

There will be shops on the ground floor and residential flats from the second floor to the top. And these will be served by four automatic lifts.

It is learnt that the flats will be sold at prices from about \$20,000.

### Two Injured In Traffic Accidents

A Chinese, Siu Chit, was knocked down by a lorry in Wilmer Street, yesterday afternoon. The man was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital in a serious condition.

A seven-year-old boy, Taul Chuan-chuen, was struck and seriously injured by a lorry in Tait Yee Mui Road, yesterday evening. The boy was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital.

## 25 TRIAD MEMBERS SENT TO GAOL Sequel To Big Round-ups

A total of 25 people, including two women, who admitted being members of triad societies, were convicted before Mr Hin-shing Lo and Miss B. K. Searle at Central Magistracy this morning.

The sentences ranged from one month to four months' imprisonment.

At the request of the Police, all defendants were ordered to be placed under Police supervision for two years after serving their sentences.

### Very Active

Defendants were arrested by the Police on information on Tuesday and yesterday.

Most of the defendants belonged to the Woo Kwan-lok and Woo Shing-tong triad societies which were very active in the Central district according to Chief Insp. J. Hadden, representing the Crown.

In the case of Au Yuk-lam, 19, an office boy of Radio Hongkong, Mr Lo cautioned the defendant instead of sending him to gaol after hearing a plea by Mr D. E. Brooks, Controller of Broadcasting, who said that the boy's conduct had been very good in the office. Mr Brooks added that the boy had been sent to a training centre in 1955.

Au, however, was ordered to sign a \$250 bond to be of good behaviour for two years and he was also placed under Police supervision for two years.

### Remanded

Tsol Choi, 30, coolie, who pleaded not guilty to being a member of the Woo Kwan Lok Triad Society, was remanded on bail of \$500 until the date of hearing fixed for October 3 by Mr Simon F. S. Li at Central this morning.

Tsol was represented by Mr A. Arculli, of Messrs Arculli and Co. Another man, Chau Chee, 24, fooki, was also remanded on bail of \$500 when he pleaded not guilty to being a member of the Woo Kwan Lok Triad Society by Mr Li.

Hearing of the case was fixed for October 4. Defendant was represented by Mr D. Cheung, of Messrs F. Zimmern and Co.

### In Kowloon

An unlicensed hawkker pleaded guilty to being a member of the Luon Ying Triad Society, before Mr T. Creedon, at Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

## NO DECISION ON TRADE FAIR

By A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

It is yet too early to know whether Hongkong's manufacturers will take part in the Seattle Trade Fair that is to be held in May next year.

Members of the executive committee and representatives of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association will meet Mr Willard Maxwell, President of the Seattle International Trade Fair, Inc., at a dinner party tonight and apart from it being just a social get-together, it is learnt that the more serious business of the trade exhibition will be discussed.

Mr Maxwell, who arrived by air from Taipei yesterday, is here to extend Seattle's invitation to local manufacturers to show what Hongkong can produce. He is on a tour, extending invitations to countries in the Pacific area.

A spokesman of the Manufacturers' Association told the China Mail this morning that no definite decision had yet been made one way or the other as they had not yet received the invitation.

"But we are always interested in trade development," the spokesman added.

## MONKEY AT LARGE

He sat on the edge of the wall and rubbed his ear thoughtfully. The broken chain dangled from his collar nonchalantly. Then with a sudden head-long dive, he leapt into the branches of a tree on the hillside below him.

Hot in pursuit, a group of excited children gave chase, squealing and chattering. But what chance had they against a wise old monkey, despite their numbers?

This incident took place at Leighton Hill last night—this morning there were reports that the want monkey was still at large in the wooded area between Wongnialong Road and Leighton Hill.

## Who's Who In HK

The editorial committee of a publishing concern is making preparations to turn out a "Who's Who in Hongkong."

The publication, the circular says, is now under the careful compilation of the establishment's editorial staff though there is yet no indication when publication will commence.

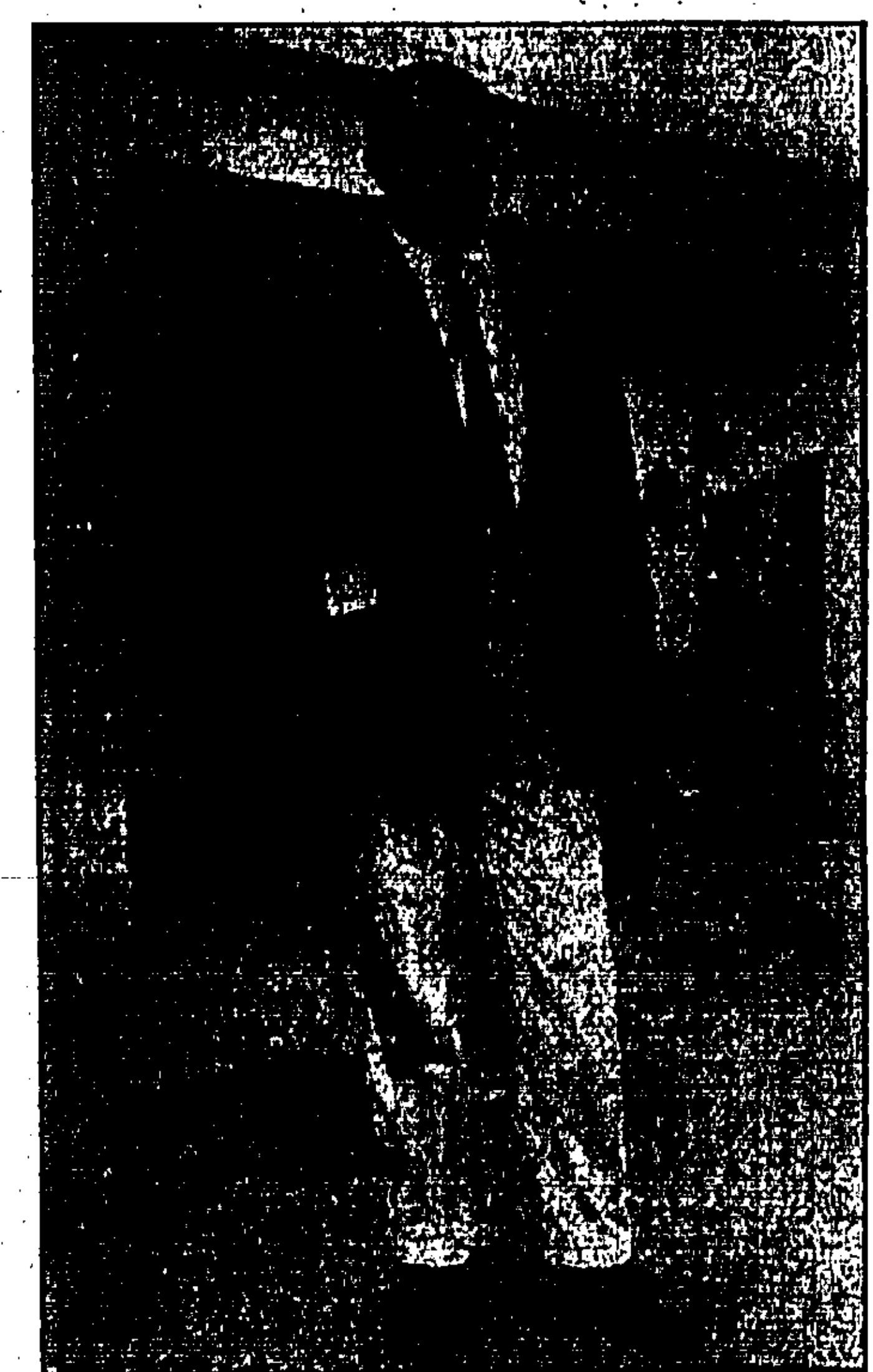
An accompanying foreword says: "The editors of this book have deemed it incumbent upon them to issue a publication dedicated to the portrayal of prominent personalities, both Oriental and Occidental, who, due to their efforts, are representative in the orbit of the development of the Colony, each in the realm of his individual object."

## ISRAELI FOOTBALLERS PASS THROUGH



Snapped at Kai Tak, members of the Hapoel football team of Israel who passed through Hongkong this morning en route to South Korea. They were met by members of the local Jewish community and officials of the HKFA. After playing several matches in South Korea and Japan, they will return here for matches in Hongkong on October 12, 13 and 16—China Mail Photo.

## FAMOUS ATHLETE HERE



Rafer Johnson, world record-holder in the Decathlon, arrived at Kai Tak this morning and was met by officials of the USIS and HKAAA. Hongkong is his last stop in a tour that has taken him through several countries of Europe and Asia.

His last stop was at Colombo where he competed in the annual Ceylon Open Championships and won the 100 Metres Dash, Shot Put, Discus Throw and Javelin Throw. Johnson, who sports just about the broadest shoulders ever seen in Hongkong, is a giant of a man and it is surprising that with his huge build he is able to run the 400 Metres in 47.9 seconds.

### OPERATION ON KNEE

Beside being one of the world's best athletic all-rounders, he is also in world class in two individual events—the High Hurdles and Long Jump. He has beaten 14 seconds for the 110 Metres High Hurdles and has cleared 25 feet 5½ inches in the Long Jump.

A knee injury that cost him the Olympic Decathlon title will also rob Hongkong of the opportunity of seeing him jump. He recently underwent an operation on his knee and has not fully recovered from this.

He will be giving one or more clinic-exhibitions in Hongkong, the first at the Army Ground at Boundary Street tomorrow afternoon from 4 p.m. Though he will not be jumping, he will be throwing and has done more than 51 feet with the 16-lb. shot, 180 feet with the discus and 228 feet with the javelin.

**20-cent Ticket Cost Him \$25**

A Chinese man told the Court this morning that despite the fact that a passenger on the bus wanted to pay his fare of 20 cents he was arrested.

Kwan Wing, 40, of Chung Shan, was charged with intent to avoid paying his fare. He was fined \$25 or five days by Mr T. Creedon at Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Kwan said that on September 16, the day of his arrest, he had to go to a certain place which was very far away. The Magistrate asked him why he did not pay the fare although he had 20 cents on him at the time. Kwan replied "I had hoped to keep it for the return trip."

## STOP PRESS

### EXPLOSION

Hamburg, Sept. 18. Six persons were injured, two of them seriously, when a wartime 160-lb aerial bomb blew up as a police demolition expert tried to defuse it today in Hamburg, a suburb of Hamburg.

It was the 18th "dead bomb" as shell which the demolition expert had dealt since the war—Reuters.

## CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUES IN CORRUPTION CASE

Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, Counsel for two Police constables charged with corruption, contended this morning that a Prosecution witness was not only an accomplice in an abortion operation, but also in trying to bribe the constables. The accused are Hui Chi-shuen, 23, and Ko Punit, 27. They are alleged to have solicited and received money from a married woman, Keung Chi-ching, as a reward for forbearing to carry out their duties in respect of abortions performed by Keung.

The case is before Judge K. R. Macfearre at the Victoria District Court. Chief Inspector W. Apps is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector D. G. McNell of the Anti-Corruption Office.

### TAKEN FOR WALK

Continuing his cross-examination of Keung Chi-ching's sister, Keung Chi-sun, Mr D'Alton recalled her evidence about both of them having been taken for a walk to the Police Station by the accused, and asked witness if she knew the reason for it at the time. Keung replied that she did not know.

Mr D'Alton told witness that she had said that Hui, the first accused, told her sister that he knew her sister and herself had performed abortions.

Keung replied that at the time she had not been "absolutely clear". She agreed that her sister had told the two accused that

she was inviting them to "yam cha" (drink tea). Asked if she knew this term could also mean "to give money", witness said she did not know.

Mr D'Alton put it to Keung that she and her sister—if their own evidence was accepted—were trying to bribe the Police officers.

Inspector Apps objected, asking how witness could give evidence of what her sister meant. Mr D'Alton told the Court that his case was that the witness was not only an accomplice in the abortion, but also in trying to bribe the Police.

Counsel then put it to Keung that when she was in the custody of the two accused, and when she heard her sister offer "yam cha", she knew that her sister was trying to bribe the Police officers. Witness denied this.

Hearing is proceeding.